

Encountering a Real God

I Kings 18:17-39

Because God is _____ and _____,

we live with _____

The Story . . .

Our expectation grows as we know:

1. The _____ of God's power

2. The _____ of God's power

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What's your favorite store? What's your favorite aisle?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

When you hear that phrase from our identity statement, "encountering a real God," what comes to mind for you?

- What Bible passages or stories?
- What experiences in your life?
- What questions does it raise?

Read I Kings 18:1, 17-39. What is at stake here?

How is Elijah's approach different from the prophets of Baal?

- What does this reveal about his understanding of God's character?

In what ways does Elijah demonstrate expectation?

What would it look like for us to live with the same expectation that Elijah demonstrates here?

In his prayer, what reasons does Elijah give for God to show his power?

- Are those still valid reasons to use when we pray for God to show his power? Why or why not?

What are some things that we as a church already do or could do to "build an altar" and create opportunities for God to move in power?

- What are some things we as a group do or could do?
- What do you or could you personally do to create these opportunities?

How can we pray for one another?