

**Questions from Pastor Greg's Sermon on May 16 & 17, 2009**  
**JUST LIKE US – WEEK ONE**

**WARM-UP**

- 1) Elijah was a Tishbite of Gilead. Who are you and where are you from? Are you from the rich and famous or the land of obscurity? Share with the group where you lived growing up and something of interest about your family background.

**SCRIPTURE/OBSERVATION/APPLICATION**

- 1) Elijah, out of “nowhere”, bursts on the scene and announces there will be no dew or rain for three years except at his word. (v1)
  - a. Where do you think he got this idea and why did he make such a bold statement? Read 1 Kings 16:33 & then Deuteronomy 11:16,17; 28: 15,23-24; James 5:10,17
  - b. What impact would this have on the people of Israel? What do you think Elijah’s ultimate purpose was in doing this?
  - c. Compare this time in history to our current state in America. What do you think God might be doing and how we should respond?
- 2) After Elijah’s bold statement of prophecy and act of obedience, things became difficult for Elijah.
  - a. Where did he go and why did he go there? (Read v. 2-7 & review sermon notes)
  - b. What implied promises did God make to Elijah? What natural and supernatural ways did God provide protection and provision for Elijah?
  - c. In the meantime, what did Elijah do? (James 5:17).
  - d. Since Elijah was a man just like us, what applications can you make to your life’s situation right now from Elijah’s situation and experience?
- 3) Read Ephesians 2:10
  - a. Elijah used his God given gift of prophecy and performed the work which God prepared in advance for him to do. What is your spiritual gift based on taking the Spiritual Gift Analysis from Parkview’s website? Share the characteristics of this gift and how this relates to your life and experience.
  - b. What do you believe is the work which God has prepared for you to do? Share how you are presently serving or are planning to serve at Parkview.

**PRAYER**

Share a prayer request related to the lesson, other personal prayer requests, and close in prayer.