

## **Discussion Guide For the Week of Sept. 2, 2018**

Read 1 Kings 21:20-21; 2 Kings 9:6-10;

John 3:15-21, 36; 2 Peter 3:9-10, 15

- Does it bother you when you read about the judgment God declared against Ahab's family (2 Kings 9:6-10)? Does the explanation given in 1 Kings 21:20-21 help? Or does it still seem too harsh?
- We often talk about God's grace and mercy. We don't seem to talk much about God's judgment, yet the Bible speaks of both grace / mercy as well as judgment. See John 3:15-21, 36; and 2 Peter 3:9-10, 15. Why does God take sin and rebellion so seriously? Should we take our sin and rebellion seriously too?
- John 3:15-21, 36; and 2 Peter 3:9-10, 15 don't just speak of judgment. They also speak of God's grace and mercy. According to these passages, what is it that determines whether we receive God's grace / mercy or receive God's judgment? What do these passages say we must do to receive His mercy and grace?
- Pastor Dan explained that when the Bible says we must "believe" in Jesus, it means more than merely accepting certain facts about Jesus. To "believe" in Jesus means that we place our trust in and commit our lives to Jesus. To "believe" in Jesus means we are making a commitment to love, follow and obey Him.
- Have you made the decision to love, follow and obey Jesus? Have you committed your life to Him? If you would like to talk to Pastor Dan about this, feel free to email him: [pastordandewitt@gmail.com](mailto:pastordandewitt@gmail.com). Or you can call him at the church office: 815-786-8595. He'd be happy to talk with you about this.