

Discussion Guide For the Week of Oct. 21, 2018

Read 2 Chronicles 18:3-22; 1 Kings 18:20-22; John 10:1-16, 27

- How could two sets of prophets have such dramatically different understanding of what is “God’s message” (2 Chron. 18:3-22)? Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you received drastically different spiritual advice on what path you should follow? How did you know which one to follow?
- Does 1 Kings 18:19-22 help us understand what might be going on in 2 Chron. 18? 1 Kings 18 suggests that Ahab’s prophets may not have been followers of God. Maybe that’s why Jehoshaphat insisted on finding a prophet of the Lord (2 Chron. 18:6) – perhaps the 400 prophets were NOT prophets of the Lord. They were likely prophets of Baal or of Asherah (pagan gods of the Canaanites).
- Micaiah told a parable in 2 Chron. 18:16-22 in which the Lord was placing a lying spirit in the mouths of Ahab’s prophets. This was a parable and may not have literally happened, but it does make you stop and think. Is it possible God might put a lying spirit into the mouths of false prophets? Why would he do this? Why was he doing it in 2 Chron. 18? Does this bother you?
- Jesus said that His sheep will recognize His voice (John 10:1-16, 27). How can we get to know God’s voice? How can we know when we are hearing His message or that of a “lying spirit?” What does 1 Chronicles 28:9b & Matthew 7:7-8 say about this?
- Take a few moments and reflect on the message of these passages. How would you summarize what they say regarding how we can know God’s voice? Are you searching for God’s voice, God’s path in your life? What can you do to better hear His voice?