



**LEADER GUIDE**

# TO OUR SMALL GROUP LEADERS,

I am so grateful for you! There are no words to describe the impact you are making at this very moment. This weekend students will be saved, called, changed, and experience revelation like never before. I believe that you are a pastor – called to love, lead, and speak into the lives of the students God has given you stewardship over. I praise God every day for sending YOU to fpStudents. I am truly thankful for you, the sacrifices you have made to serve this weekend, and for the gifts you are giving to change the world, one student at a time. I am asking God for a fresh revelation of who we are in Him. It is our prayer that your students will embrace Jesus in a new way as they recognize that He made a way so we can light the way.

Father, We come together as one heart. I am asking you God for a fresh revelation of our calling in you. Thank you for sending your Son to make a way for us. We come to you praying for boldness to light the way. Thank You God for how You're going to move, save, redeem, restore and deliver this weekend. We ask right now that you bless every leader with wisdom and discernment far beyond the natural and that You soften the hearts of the students they're leading. We beg for Your intervention and surrender right now to the work You have planned. I ask that You return to those who are sacrificing ten-fold the blessing they are pouring out for this weekend. Father, I ask a special blessing over families while they are a part and know that a supernatural provision for their families is ahead. I speak a spirit of protection over each leader and student and bind the enemy in the powerful name of Jesus – confident that there is nothing that can overcome Your church and Your will for this weekend. Thank you God for creating them for such a time as this – we know we are not here by accident, but by divine appointment. Thank You for the harvest that is coming! We can't wait to be in the presence of a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Holy Spirit have your way in us.

Thank you, God for the privilege to seek you here and now, Amen

I love you so much and can't thank you enough for taking time to pour into the next generation!

Your Global Student Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zac Stephens". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "Z" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Zac Stephens



## **FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 18**

<b>6:00 P</b>	Leaders arrive at Host Homes.
<b>6:30 P</b>	Students arrive at Host Homes.
<b>8:00 P</b>	Large Group Session #1 (PEL Campus).
<b>10:00 P</b>	Return to Host Homes.
<b>10:30 P</b>	Small Group Session #1.

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

<b>8:30 A</b>	Breakfast at Host Homes.
<b>10:00 A</b>	Large Group Session #2 (Girls at NKX, Boys at BLN).
<b>12:00 P</b>	Lunch at NKX and BLN.
<b>1:00 P</b>	Prayer Service at NKX and BLN.
<b>2:00 P – 5:30 P</b>	Afternoon Activities and Service Projects – <a href="mailto:lisac@faithpromise.org">lisac@faithpromise.org</a>
<b>6:00 P</b>	Dinner at Host Homes.
<b>7:15 P – 8:15 P</b>	FPLC + SEU Preview Day in Satellite (PEL Campus).
<b>8:30 P</b>	Large Group Session #3 (PEL Campus).
<b>11:00 P</b>	Return to Host Homes.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

<b>8:30 A</b>	Breakfast at Host Homes.
<b>9:00 A</b>	Small Group Session #2.
	Clean up homes, pack, and get ready for church.
	Student Pastors will give you your service times.

# HOST HOME SIGN IN SHEET

**STUDENT NAME**

**PARENT NAME**




# GUIDELINES FOR LEADERS

1. Your host home is in charge at all times.
2. The only way a student can be excused from participating this weekend is a Time-Out card. This must be turned in at drop off.
3. Pranks and other acts of mischief are not a part of Fusion. Any type of this activity will result in students being sent home.
4. There is absolutely no tolerance for any prohibited items or violence.
5. Do everything as a group this weekend.
6. Go out of your way for your host family this weekend. For example, leave a signed thank you card.
7. All medication must be given to the small group leader with written instructions at drop off.
8. Keep a positive attitude! You set the tone for your group.
9. Cell phones are allowed during most of the weekend. Please collect cellphones during small group times and at lights out. Please communicate that cell phones are a privilege and to use them responsibly.
10. For emergencies or questions call your Student Pastor, Coach and or contact the office at 865-251-2590 ext 1305 (leave a message) or send an email to [fpsglobal@faithpromise.org](mailto:fpsglobal@faithpromise.org).



# SMALL GROUP ONE: NEW ROADS

**What we want students to learn:** Recognize who they want to follow, and who or what they are actually following.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Choose to follow the Lord instead of the everchanging things of this world.

**Scripture Focus:** 1 Kings 18:1-21

## THE MAIN POINT

Welcome to your first small group session of Fusion 2019. Whether you have been serving at FPS for two weeks or you have been to Fusion 10 for ten years, we are so excited you are here. Thank you for spending your weekend serving! We know and recognize the sacrifice you have made to be here.

Over the course of this weekend, you and your small group will be walking through 1 Kings 18 together. During the large group sessions, the student pastors will be teaching on both 1 Kings 18 and Luke 4 as we talk about who we will choose to follow, and the Holy Spirit's role in filling, leading, and empowering us in the process. Our prayer for this weekend is that students not only choose to follow Jesus, but trust the Lord to fill, lead, and empower them, not just today, but for the rest of their lives. Only with Jesus is this possible.

## WELCOME TO FUSION

Before you begin the lesson tonight, we want to make sure that every student feels comfortable and literally "at home" in your small group. The following questions can be used to help everyone become familiar with each other with the goal of creating unity to start off this weekend! Choose 1-3 of the following questions to discuss as a group.

**If you could have three wishes granted, what would they be?**

**If you could have an endless supply of food, what would you get?**

**Would you rather be 3 feet tall or 8 feet tall? Why?**

**Would you rather be born with an elephant trunk or a giraffe neck?**

**What would you do if you didn't have to go to school?**

**If you woke up as a celebrity (pick any celebrity), what is the first thing you would do?**

## INTRODUCTION

Whether you have a group of Fusion veterans who have been to Fusion time and time again, or you have several new students in your group, it is hard to deny that there is a lot of expectation surrounding Fusion weekend. Provide your students with a few minutes to discuss what they are most excited about for Fusion.

**What are you most excited about for Fusion weekend?**

PRAY that your students would discover who Jesus is this weekend, and that they would see how trustworthy He is this weekend through the Word of God, the presence of God, and those around them.

## LESSON

This weekend, we are going to look at the story of Elijah who was a man that we can read about in the Old Testament. Elijah was a prophet of the Lord and had a specific message and challenge for Israel. In the story of His interactions between Ahab and the prophets of a supposed god, Baal, Elijah reveals what his challenge is for the nation of Israel.

**Have you ever had a teacher or coach give you and your class or team a massive challenge? What was it?**

- *Encourage them to think further than an assignment or drill. Did their coach challenge the team to go undefeated in the season? Did their teacher challenge them to be kind to those around them, even people they don't like? What big challenges stand out to them?*

**What is your gut reaction when someone challenges you to do something? (Do you get competitive and want to do it NOW, do you want to prove people wrong, do you fear if you will be able to do it, or do you ignore the challenge?)**

- *We all have different responses to the challenges presented to us in our lives. Knowing how you often respond will help you predict how you may respond to even the challenges God presents to you in His Word.*

**What do you think the difference is between the challenges God give us in His Word and the challenges teachers or coaches may give us?**

- *Teachers and coaches are great! They do amazing things, sacrificing so much of their time to invest in students, because they believe in them. As great as the challenges they propose may be, they will never be able to compare to what God challenges us to in His Word. God's challenges bring us closer to Him, teach us more about who He is, and can impact eternity. Even still, while challenges like this seem massive and daunting, God knows that we cannot accomplish them on our own. He challenges us, knowing that we can only accomplish them through His strength.*

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah challenges the nation of Israel to stop wavering between two opinions and choose who they will follow, Baal or God. Now, split your small group up into groups of 2-4 students each. Have them read 1 Kings 18:1-21 together. Then, have them try to summarize the story in their own words. After each group has completed this, have them come back together as a group and have each group recap what they think the story was saying. Then, discuss the following questions.

**Who are some of the main characters in this story? What did you learn about them?**

**What are some of the main things that happen in this story so far?**

**If you had to guess, what do you think happens next in the story?**

- *Would they go on to follow God? Would they follow Baal? Would they continue to go back and forth between both?*

### **What do you think God may be trying to teach us through this story?**

- *Here are a few different ideas of what God may be trying to teach us:*
  - *God desires for us to follow His ways, and not the world's.*
  - *God desires for us to be fully committed to Him*

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

Tonight, during the message, we discussed 1 Kings 18 together, and were challenged to think about “who is our Baal?” This is to say, who are we quick to follow instead of Jesus? Using the following questions, discuss with your students who we all may be quick to follow instead of Jesus.

### **What do you think people your age are the most tempted to follow instead of Jesus?**

**Do you think this is different from person to person? Or, do you think a lot of people your age are tempted to follow the same thing?**

- *You are not looking for a “right” answer here. Give your students a chance to ponder on whether or not they share a common temptation.*

**Based on the few things (or people) you listed, why do you think people may believe those things or people are more appealing to follow than Jesus?**

**Why do you think other people choose to follow Jesus?**

**Why do you follow Jesus?**

To close small group out, talk to your group about why you personally choose to follow Jesus. It is not only important for them to understand their own faith, but to see faith played out in the lives of others too.

## **TAKE IT OUT**

Close small group out in prayer, praying specifically that God would show your students this weekend who He is through His Word and in your time together as a community.

## **SALVATION FOLLOW-UP**

Did any of your students make a decision to follow Jesus this weekend? If so, make sure to continue to have some follow-up conversations with them this weekend about their decision, as you encourage them and discuss any questions they may have. In those conversations, please also talk about baptism with them. If they would like to be baptized this weekend, please reach out to their parents to get permission first and let your coach know once the parents have given permission.





# SMALL GROUP TWO: LIFT UP YOUR EYES

**What we want students to learn:** Who will you trust to fill, lead, and empower you?

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Trust in the Lord to fill, lead, and empower them.

**Scripture Focus:** 1 Kings 18:22-40

## THE MAIN POINT

Welcome to your second and final session of small group at Fusion 2019. We cannot thank you enough for sacrificing your entire weekend to lead students closer to the feet of Jesus. What wins have you seen this weekend in your students? No matter the magnitude of the win, every win is worth celebrating.

## ICE BREAKER

Instructions: Choose one of the following games to play as a group before you start the lesson.

### Secret Dancer

Set up the group to stand in a circle and choose one player to be the detective. Send the detective outside. When the detective has left the room, choose a player to be the “secret dancer”. They will need to pick a dance move, and everyone will then start copying them. When everyone is dancing, the detective is called back into the room and has three guesses to choose who the original dancer is. To make things interesting, the secret dancer then needs to change their dance move, and everyone needs to change with them. This allows the detective to discover the secret dancer. Once the secret dancer has been discovered, they then become the detective. Then repeat this process for as long as time allows. This game can be played with or without music.

### The Laughing Game

The objective of this game is to get everyone to laugh while you cannot laugh yourself. Have everyone sit in a circle facing each other. When it is someone's turn, they have to say or act something out to get everyone else to laugh. If anyone laughs, then they are out until the next round. Last person left who has not laughed wins the game.

## INTRODUCTION

After you play the game, spend a few minutes recapping Fusion weekend so far with your students.

**What has been your favorite part of Fusion weekend so far?**

**What has surprised you about Fusion Weekend?**

## LESSON

As you continue your small group time this weekend, you are going to finish the story found in 1 Kings 18 with your students. During your first small group session, you talked about the challenge Elijah the prophet presented to the nation of Israel. Elijah challenged them to choose who they would whole-heartedly follow. Today, you and your small group are going to see what happened after this challenge, and how God specifically revealed Himself.

### **What did we learn about during our first small group session?**

Now, split your small group up into groups of 2-4 students each. Have them read 1 Kings 18:22-40 together. Then, have them try to summarize the story in their own words. After each group has completed this, have them come back together as a group and have each group recap what they think the story was saying. Then, discuss the following questions.

### **Here are a few questions to ask to summarize the story you just read:**

- *How many prophets did Baal have? How many prophets did God have? (V. 22)*
- *What did the prophets of Baal do to the wood and bulls? What did Elijah do to his? (V. 22, 33)*
- *Who responded with fire? God or Baal? (V. 38)*
- *What did the prophets of Baal do when they saw God answer with fire? (V. 39)*

### **How does this story connect to what we talked about in our last small group?**

- *Not only does the story include the same people, but it is building on the story we discussed. This story shows us that nothing can compare to God. We can trust Him when we follow Him, knowing He is supreme.*

### **What surprised you about this story?**

### **What does this story teach us about God's power?**

### **What areas in your life do you want to see God's power?**

### **How could God's power change things, or even your perspective, in your life?**

## LIFE APPLICATION

Just as Elijah relied on the power of the Lord, so too do we get to rely on God's power through the Holy Spirit. Throughout the day today, and the corresponding sermons, we learned that Jesus was (1) *full of the Holy Spirit*, (2) *led by the Holy Spirit*, and (3) *empowered by the Holy Spirit*.

Instead of focusing on all three of these roles of the Holy Spirit, as a group, focus on one role of the Holy Spirit that you believe your group needs to talk about the most. Then, spend the remainder of your group time discussing the questions in the corresponding section.

### **FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**What are some common things that people try to fill their lives, hearts, and minds with?**

**Talking about the Holy Spirit “filling us up” may seem super at first. What do you think this means, to be filled by the Holy Spirit?**

### **LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**How would you describe the leaders in your schools, on your teams, in your clubs, and even in our country?**

**How does the leadership in the world differ from the leadership of the Holy Spirit?**

- ☐ *The world tells us that to get power, or grow in strength, that it is up to us. We are told we have to fight for ourselves and no one else if we want to make it.*

### **EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**How does the world tell you to get power?**

- ☐ *The world tells us that to get power, or grow in strength, that it is up to us. We are told we have to fight for ourselves and no one else if we want to make it.*

**In your relationship with Christ, where does your power come from?**

- ☐ *Our power does not come from ourselves, but from the Holy Spirit inside of us. Our strength is not our own.*

**How can knowing where your power comes from change the way you live?**

Now that you have talked about one role of the Holy Spirit as a group, discuss the decisions that your students made over the course of this weekend. Encourage them in their commitments and help to clarify any questions they may have.

## **TAKE IT OUT**

Close small group out in a time of prayer. Pray for students to remain committed to their decisions from this weekend and to be encouraged in the love of Jesus wherever they go next.

