



## Fire Fall: Five Decisions Toward Total Dependence.

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### Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Just for fun, see if anyone can remember some of the facts given in the sermon today: (1) How old is Grace Church? (2) Last spring the attendance at Grace Church was upwards of what? (3) How many new volunteers do we need to serve on Sunday mornings?
2. Read **1 Kings 17:1-7**: Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you or caught your attention?
3. In the sermon, we heard of Old Testament people whom God asked to do things they were not used to like Noah, Abraham and David. Do you know of someone in your life who God called to do something that completely changed his or her life?
4. Discuss what Pastor Derek meant when he said, "God's fire doesn't fall randomly or haphazardly – it falls where preparations have been made."
5. We were told, "We must prepare the altar of our lives so that we're ready for God to show up in power." What steps have you been taking in your life to be ready for God's power to show up?
6. After sharing the first point of the sermon Pastor Derek said "Confront the imposters". "Where do you need to be broken of your false dependencies? How would you answer that?"
7. The second point of the sermon was that we need to listen to God. If listening to God must always precede action, why do we so often try to jump over this step?
8. How can American Christians who are in a culture that says to always advance and not to retreat learn to submit to brokenness?
9. Elijah followed the path of command, obedience and then a miracle. How have you seen this to be true in your own life?
10. Discuss steps you and your group can take to embrace change.

Prayer Thought: Have group members follow the "ACTS" prayer method in relation to the struggle we all have with sin.

- **ADORATION**: acknowledge and praise Jesus for using us in His service
- **CONFESSION**: times how easily we fail to listen to God to hear His call to serve
- **THANKSGIVING**: thank the Father for always being with us when we need to confront others
- **SUPPLICATION**: ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to hear His command and obey

Suggested Memory Verse: **2 Corinthians 12:9** *Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

Question 1 Answers: (1) 122, (2) 1600, (3) 100