



NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

Sermon Title: Fire in the Summer - Burn the Plow

Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 21

Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What's your favorite summertime activity?

Reflection:

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

Application:

1. **Ryan said, "Ahab wasn't denied a vineyard, he was denied control."** Where in your life is God asking you to surrender control instead of demanding your own way? What does trusting God's boundaries look like in that situation?
Additional Reading: Genesis 3:1-7; James 4:1-10
2. **This story shows how corrupt power can sacrifice people to protect itself.** Have you ever experienced power being used selfishly (at work, in family, church, school, or elsewhere)? What does godly leadership look like by comparison?
Additional Reading: Mark 10:42-45; Philippians 2:3-11
3. **Ryan pointed out that Naboth's murder was the fruit, but idolatry was the root.** What "idols" (success, comfort, reputation, money, control, approval, etc.) are most tempting in our culture today? How can idolatry quietly shape our decisions before we even realize it?
Additional Reading: Exodus 20:1-6; Colossians 3:5-10

4. **God confronted Ahab through Elijah, yet He also showed mercy when Ahab humbled himself.** Why is it important that God is both perfectly just and perfectly merciful? How should that shape the way we respond when God convicts us?

Additional Reading: Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14

5. **The sermon ended with a warning for anyone who has influence over others.** Whether you're a parent, spouse, employer, volunteer, teacher, pastor, or friend, how can you intentionally use your influence this week to serve others instead of yourself? Be specific.