

# Sermon Study Guide – January 21st, 2018:

*Today's Focus – "FaceTime with God... in God's Work"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Look at the **yellow** "Table of Duties" insert in your bulletin... what work has God called you to do? How are you to do it?
- ◆ How can this work to which God calls us bring us face-to-face with him? What kind of sacrifices will this work involve?

2) Today's Message: 1 Kings 19:19-21

*So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.*

3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

How does today's sermon show you how God wants you to live your life? (i.e. What good works does this motivate us to do?)

*Feel free to answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...*

1. What role does sacrifice play in being successful with what you do?
2. What did Elijah sacrifice to do God's work? Why did he do this?
3. What work has God called us to do? What sacrifices might it include?
4. Even when God doesn't ask us to sacrifice that much, what problem do we face? What does this teach us about connecting to God?
5. Still, why does God continue to encourage us to do his work? Can we really do it, even when we're not great prophets like Elisha?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Consider the following as you go about your week:*

- ◆ Each day of the week, focus on a new section of the [yellow](#) "Table of Duties" insert that applies to you. Be faithful and do the work which God has given to you! Look for how this is connecting you even more closely to your God!
- ◆ What things must you sacrifice to fulfill your God-given callings? For the most part, are they really bad things to sacrifice? What will you gain by sacrificing these things? How will this bring you closer to your God?

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** *review* Mark 1:14-20, Acts 13:1-5

**Tuesday:** Romans 12 :1-8

**Wednesday:** Luke 9:43-62

**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 7

**Friday:** Ephesians 4:1-16

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 19:1-21