

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Episode 4: Fire Fighters

### INTRODUCTION – “Message For “Group 3” People

#### **REFLECTION QUESTION:**

*Why don't these miracles happen the same way today?*

### THE STORY – Showdown On Fire Mountain

1 Kings 16:29 – 18:46

### PROBING THE PROBLEMS

### LOOKING DEEPER – Reading Below The Lines

#### **LIFE LESSON #1:**

IF you get married, marry your “kindred \_\_\_\_\_”, not your kindred personality, kindred hobbies, kindred career goals, etc..

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

#### **LIFE LESSON #2:**

If God is like our \_\_\_\_\_, our love for him should take the form of \_\_\_\_\_ fidelity.

Matthew 6:24

#### **LIFE LESSON #3:**

Resist the urge to turn conviction into \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **LIFE LESSON #4:**

If religion won't save us (last week), neither will \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **LIFE LESSON #5:**

God \_\_\_\_\_ dysfunctional, struggling, and lonely people.

Luke 4:25-26

James 5:17-18

Malachi 4:5; Matthew 11:14; 17:3-13; Mark 6:15; 9:4;

Luke 1:17; 9:8, 18-19, 30-31; John 1:21, 25

### *A LESSON I'VE LEARNED...*

### **CONCLUSION – Leaving “Group 3” For Good.**

1 Kings 18:21

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

#### WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one new thing you learned or one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Let's solve a mystery. Read about the mixed reaction Jesus receives from his first synagogue sermon in **Luke 4:16-30**. a) Why does the crowd first like what he has to say (v. 22)? How would they have applied his words in vv. 18-19? b) Why would this synagogue crowd turn on him so quickly based only on what he says next (vv. 23-27)? What would they have understood Jesus to be saying? c) What implications can we draw from this passage about Jesus' reconfiguring of concepts like “Kingdom”, “People of God”, the “poor and oppressed”? In other words, how is he challenging their understanding of these things?

3. In **Luke 4:16-30** Jesus seems to challenge the *tribalism* of his day. a) How does the story of Elijah do the same thing in **1 Kings 17**? List the ways this chapter supports a New Testament paradigm of how God works? b) What parallels between Elijah's ministry and Jesus' do you find in this chapter?

#### SO WHAT?...

4. Are there any areas of your life that you tend to be a “Group 3” person or manifest “Group 3” patterns of behaviour? (i.e., unclear and uncommitted, but often hiding behind a “Group 1” façade.) Think and talk about it.

5. Take a few moments (2-3 minutes) to meditate on **1 Kings 18:21**. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)

6. Pray for each other in light of # 4 above.

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