

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



## Recognizing the Demonic Spirit of Jezebel in Your Life

**Ice Breaker:** What is/was your favorite item to buy for back to school?

**Read Together:** 1 Kings 18:16-19 (NLT), 1 Kings 18:27 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- Ahab called Elijah a troublemaker. What trouble was Elijah causing?
- How was Ahab's family causing trouble?
- What were some of the common practices of Baal worship?
- What, if any similarities do you see between Baal worship and some of our cultural practices?

**Read Together:** 1 Kings 19:1(NLT), 1 Kings 19:2 (NLT), 1 Kings 19:3-4 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- Give an example of a time you felt extremely confident about God's work in your life and then got sad or depressed when that season was over.
- Most of us have never had a death threat against us for our faith, but what are some ways you may feel intimidated by culture?
- Do you know your calling from God? Take some time to share it with your group and have them encourage you in your call.

**Read Together:** Revelation 2:20 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- Thyatira was tolerating the spirit of Jezebel.
  - What are some ways our churches and culture tolerate the spirit of Jezebel?
- How does the spirit of Jezebel influence Christians today?
  - It replaces the authority of scripture with the authority of culture.
    - Give a couple of specific examples that you see around you.
  - It tries to manipulate, intimidate, and control spiritual authority.

- Think deeply about this. What does manipulation of Spiritual Authority look like?
- What does Intimidation of Spiritual Authority look like?
- What does control of Spiritual Authority look like?
- Take some time to assess your own life and attitude.
- Journal or confess any areas where the spirit of Jezebel has been present in your life. Ask God to reveal any areas where you are not aware of the spirit's presence. Ask God to replace the spirit of Jezebel with the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer:**

Lord, we want to follow YOUR Spirit. Not any spirits in the World. Please show us where we have erred. Help us forgive ourselves and walk in freedom toward you!