

Marinating in God's Word: 1 Kings 16:29-34, Revelation 2:18-29

Ask about a favorite book of the Bible, and you're not likely to someone cite the Minor Prophets, much less a false prophet! And yet we can profit from all the prophets and false prophets in the Bible. Thus we're focusing this summer on a portion of the Bible we tend to not to know very well.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Baby girls may be named Sarah or Deborah or Mary. But no one names a girl Jezebel – unless they have never read the Old Testament. What was Jezebel's story (1 Kings 16 – 2 Kings 9)? What drove her? What made her such a powerful figure?
- Elijah championed the worship of the Lord alone, and Jezebel championed the cause of Baal. How were the two gods different?
- In Kings it seemed that all was black and white, the Lord or Baal, with no shades of gray (see 1 Kings 18:20-40). In our day there seem to be many shades of gray. Name some examples.
- Jezebel was a false prophet, and Elijah a true prophet. How could you tell then and now what is false from what is true? Can you think of examples of times Christians have tried to blend the two? What happened?
- How do we avoid deception and recognize truth?

Next week Keith will lead us in our focus on Nahum.