



Date: November 12, 2017 – Missions Sunday (Malay)

Scripture: 1 Kings 18

Sermon: SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER AND CELEBRATING THE LORD IS GOD [1 Kings 18:20-39]

Prayer (in general)

Is there a danger of prayer becoming mere ritualistic routine in our Christian life?

How does Jesus speak to this issue in e.g. Matthew 6:5(f); and Luke 18:13?

Can we summarize what Jesus is saying ... what were the points He wanted to get across?

Can even liturgical prayers be effective? And if so how ... what makes the difference?

The Bible talks about being 'constant in prayer'. What could it mean to be 'constant in prayer'? How can our lives be permeated by and woven through with prayer?

Pertinent to the story in 1 Kings 18 and Elijah's prayer (verses 36-37)

In your own words can you express what it was Elijah was asking God?

What was he longing for ... what was he wanting to see happen?

Does Elijah's prayer challenge you in praying for the Malay (or any specific focus you may have)? How?

Personal discipleship issue

What does it mean to you to 'follow Jesus'? (1 Kings 18:20-21)

What might it entail that you have not yet fully embraced?



### Prayer

“When news stories become saturated with speculation and the truth is difficult to find, it is awe inspiring to know that the source of all truth is reigning in Heaven and has all power over the earth. He knows exactly what happened, what is happening, and what will happen. He has promised to reveal what is hidden and to expose evil. In the midst of disorder and conjecture, rather than joining in, we are called to pray.” (Presidential Prayer Team)

Whether our focus is the Malay and Malaysia, or whether it be our own nation, comment on this quote ... how do you respond to its challenge?

### Prayer Helps

Share with the group what has helped you in praying ... resources; methods; experiences; encouragements; specific teaching points ... etc.