

The Heart of the Matter

12. Has your life taken a discouraging turn lately? Does God seem to care at all about your struggle?

13. Has God ever asked you “What are you doing here”? What was your answer?

14. What might tempt you to give up your service to God? What might tempt you to give up your chosen profession?

15. Has God ever appeared in some spectacular way to you? In some “small way”? How so?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Pursuing God in the Wilderness 1 Kings 19:1-18 For the Week of October 16, 2022

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Have you ever had a “mid-life crisis” or seen a family member go through it? What did you experience/observe?
3. When was a time that you felt tempted to run away from a difficult situation? What did you end up doing?

Digging Deeper

4. From verses 1-2, do you think that if Jezebel had been on Carmel that she would be invoking her gods in this way? Why?

5. In verse 3, why is Elijah suddenly afraid? Is he despondent, fearful, or just in a post-adrenaline slump?

6. Why go to Judah? The dessert? From verse 4, why doesn't God take Elijah's life?

7. From verse 6, is the food here an unmediated miracle, or has some "widow of Zarephath" been watching? (1 Kings 17:9-11)

8. What is significant about the 40 days and nights? About Mount Horeb? For what does he hope? (Exodus 3:1-2; Deuteronomy 4:10-14)

9. In verse 10, with what tone does he answer God? Whom is Elijah blaming for all the trouble?

10. What is the point of God's three "false starts" in verses 11-12? (Exodus 19:9, 16-19) How does Elijah's close encounter differ from Moses? What is God's message when he finally does speak?

11. In verses 15-18, what is the bad news? What is the good news? What do the two ancient signs of homage symbolize?