

4. Read 1 Kings 19:9b-14. Elijah's disappointment and despair contributed to his inability to correct his wrong assumptions. Why do you think we get stuck in poor reasoning and wrong thinking?

5. What do you think is going on when God passes by and there is a power display, but it says God is not in the power display?

6. Read 1 Kings 19:15-18. How does the way God ministers to Elijah throughout this passage speak to your heart?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

SERIES: Kings & Prophets

SERMON 2: "The God Who Whispers"

TEXT: 1 Kings 19:1-18

DATE: September 16/17, 2017

A Recipe for Discouragement, Disillusionment, and Despair

- Focus on the _____.
- Work harder than ever (even though you're exhausted) and _____ rest and proper nutrition at all costs.

• S_____ people out.

• Set false expectations or hold unwarranted _____.

How many times do we think God let us down, but it's really _____ of what God will do that let us down?

• Pray in your _____.

Look at what _____ done for you compared to other people. And look at what you haven't done for me in spite of what _____ done for you compared to other people.

God's Ministry to a Discouraged Servant

• God avoids giving _____.

Sometimes we simply need some _____.

Everything God says is about moving forward, about what to do _____ instead of listing everything he's done wrong.

- God lets him rest and _____ him.
- God goads him into _____ and lamenting, and then God listens.
- God _____ himself.

God reminds Elijah of his patience and mercy and love in a _____. He leads Elijah with his grace.

Elijah is reminded that his God is _____ than his troubles or his troublers, and that God cares too much for him to ultimately let him down.

- God gives him a new _____.

Sometimes we need sleep, rest, and a break from the daily grind. But there comes a point where God calls us to _____ into the battle and serve him in his mission.

- God reminds Elijah that he is not _____.

It's inevitable for you to feel like you're alone when you live your faith life as if you were _____.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does God's response of ministering to Elijah during this season of doubt and despair teach our family about the character of God?
2. What are some ways our family can help those around us to see the bigger picture when blinded by emotional pain?
3. What does this teach our family about the importance of surrounding ourselves with other believers as we seek to live out the Christian life?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Elijah was a prophet who faced persecution and opposition from those who rejected God. His example points forward to Jesus, the greatest prophet, who endured opposition for delivering God's Word.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What circumstances in your past have led you to periods of disappointment or disillusionment?
3. Read 1 Kings 19:1-9a. Can you remember a time in your past when you were deeply discouraged and what you needed most was rest? Describe the circumstances.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How many gods are there?