

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 5

A Still Small Voice

Our Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Ice Breaker

Choose the response that best describes you.

I cry;

- Even during TV commercials
- Occasionally but not often
- Rarely and not in public

Quick review

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Read 1 Kings 18:17-40. Greg said that preceding our story today Elijah had vanquished the prophets of Baal in a scene reminiscent of "The Avengers." What are some "theatre," or "comic book," elements of this story?
2. How important is Elijah to the call of Jesus? Read Mark 9:1-8
3. Read Mark 1:13-14 Who was responsible for what happened to Jesus at the beginning of his ministry?
 - In light of what happened to Elijah what might have been the purpose of this experience?

Media Mix - Silent Compassion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMlrDoAfnWA>

Bringing It Home

1. Tell of a time when the events of your life left you in shock. How did you find your way back to life?
2. Individually circle some words and phrases from the following quote that remind you of our Bible story today. Then, share with the group why you selected them.

Part of the inner world of everyone is this sense of emptiness, unease, incompleteness, and I believe that this in itself is a word from God, that this is the sound that God's voice makes in a world that has explained him away. In such a world, I suspect that maybe God speaks to us most clearly through his silence, his absence, so that we know him best through our missing him.

Frederick Buechner

Prayer Time (Practice Contemplative Prayer)

Housekeeping

Thank your host and those who provide refreshments. Have you considered meeting in one of your group members homes at least once this cycle?