

ELIJAH

Group Guide

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1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD Appears to Elijah

And the word of the LORD came to him:

"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty.

The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

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1. Describe the scene and the characters.
2. How do you manage discouragement - running to God or from him? Why?
3. Read verse 10, 14 - what do you learn about Elijah and his needs, where is he focused? Can you relate - have you ever felt like the only one pursuing God or godly things?
4. What other encounters with God happened on this mountain? Are there any parallels?
5. Elijah is pursued, and met by God. Read verses 11-13. How did God speak to Elijah and why in this manner? What do you think he said? How do you listen to God?
6. God restores Elijah to carry out his ministry - how did he do this and have you ever felt the restoring power of God in your journey?



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

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STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

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