

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *1 Kings 17:1-6*

#### **Talk About**

- Have you ever seen (up close) or actually petted a 'bird of prey'? What impressed you the most about the animal?
- As a child, did you ever get called into the head-teacher's office? How did you feel speaking with a person of high authority?
- How would you feel if God told you to leave your friends and family and live in an isolated & dangerous part of the world?

#### **Read About**

- Who was the person that Elijah spoke to (v.1)? See also 1 Kings 16:29-30
- What weather pattern did Elijah speak about (v.2)? How long would this weather pattern last?
- Where did God tell Elijah to go (v.3)? Was this location part of the "Promised Land"? See Numbers 34:10-12 (east boundary)
- What did God tell Elijah to eat and drink (v.4)?
- Where did Elijah go and stay (v.5)? Compare with Jonah 1:3.
- By whom and how often was Elijah's food supply delivered (v.6)? Who was provided for in a similar way? Exodus 16:11-12

#### **Think About**

- How does 'fear' affect how you speak about your relationship with God? How could you improve in this area of your Christian life?
- What aspect of Elijah's walk with God do you find the most difficult to imitate?
- How do you stay and "dwell" in God's presence? How would you describe this part of your Christian life to a non-Christian?
- You could end by reading / memorising 1 Kings 17:5.

## **1 Kings 17:1-6 (NIVUK)**

<sup>1</sup> Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.'

<sup>2</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: <sup>3</sup> 'Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You will drink from the brook, and I have instructed the ravens to supply you with food there.'

<sup>5</sup> So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. <sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.