

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *1 Kings 19:9b-13a*

#### **Talk About**

- Have you ever been caught in a thunderstorm? What impressed you and/or frightened you about the experience?
- Where do you go to have a 'one-to-one' time with God? When is the best time for you to have these interactions?
- How would you feel if God clearly told you to go to a particular place to hear His message for you?

#### **Read About**

- Where was Elijah when God spoke to him (v.9)? See also 1 Kings 19:8.
- What is Elijah's answer to God's question (v.10)? Was this an accurate answer or just an 'excuse'? See also 1 Kings 18:4.
- Where did Elijah stand when God passed by (v.11)? Who else had a similar experience? See Exodus 33:19-23.
- In what three places did Elijah *not* find God (v.11b-12a)?
- How did God meet and speak to Elijah (v.12b)?
- What was Elijah's response to encountering God (v.13)?

#### **Think About**

- Does God speak to Christians today in the same dramatic way that He spoke to Elijah? Why, or why not?
- What hesitancy, if any, would you have of encountering God in the same intense way that Elijah met with God?
- Significantly, God asks Elijah the same question twice. What is *your* answer to the question, "What are you doing here"?
- What part of your Christian life has God been speaking to you about as a result of reading this Bible passage?
- You could end by reading / memorising 1 Kings 19:12.

## **1 Kings 19:9-13a (NIVUK)**

<sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

<sup>10</sup> 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.'

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.