



Week 2 Small Group: It's Not Too Late to Listen to God

Opening Prayer: God of abundant grace, whether we come to this time exhausted, refreshed, or somewhere in between, we are grateful that you meet us with compassion and care. Let our time together be one of deep listening to you and may we be assured that with you, it is never too late. Amen.

Starter Question: When you feel depleted or overwhelmed, what helps you to feel more like yourself again?

Wrestling With The Word: Read 1 Kings 19:4-16

1. What circumstances is Elijah facing? What emotions is he experiencing?
2. How do you see God caring for Elijah in this passage?
3. Look at verses 5-7 and also 9 and 13. Notice the repetition. What do you think these repeated statements reveal about how God relates to Elijah and to us?
4. Elijah begins this passage fleeing in fear and ends it returning to fulfill his God-given purpose. What enabled this “turn around”?

Next Steps:

1. Where (if anywhere) do you see yourself in Elijah’s story (e.g., on the run, overwhelmed/hopeless, in a period of rest, in the “cave,” on the mountain)?
2. God invites Elijah to step out of the cave, even though the cave has offered safety. What “caves” in your life have been protective at one point but may now be limiting you?
3. What is the “noise” in your life – whether literal or metaphorical? What step can you take to practice silence – or at least turn the volume down so you can listen for God?

Closing Prayer: Consider spending some time practicing silent prayer together. You may end with: God of Holy Silence, as we go out from this time of study and listening, strengthen us in the ways that you know we need. In our noisy world, may we be witnesses that though your Word is sometimes spoken quietly, it is always present and full of grace. Amen.

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