

Small-Group Notes

Into the Wild | I Kings 17

This series is on the making of a godly man or woman. We are looking at the life of Elijah and how God formed and shaped him to accomplish His purposes through him. The best we could say of someone is they accomplished God's purposes and then they died. Life is about doing the will of God in our lifetime.

God shapes Elijah through pain to prepare him for the days ahead. He is taught total dependence on God which prepares him for unconditional obedience. In that obedience, God does miracles in and through Elijah. He becomes known as the "Prophet of God."

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- As we begin *Into The Wild*, where is your "go-to" spot in nature?
- This series focuses on character development. What attributes of godly character would you like to grow or develop in your own life?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. God had more to do "in" Elijah before He could do more "through" Elijah. God is preparing each of us so that He can work through us. Have you experienced pain that you've seen God use to "prepare" you?
2. The chapter begins with instruction to Elijah to leave. In verse 5, it says he obeyed. God's provision in our life requires obedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Is there anything you are delaying now that God wants you to do immediately? If so, what?
3. In **I Kings 17:2-3**, God led Elijah to a period of hiding in the *Kerith* Ravine. *Kerith* means "cut off." God taught Elijah to depend on Him daily for food and water. What are you *daily* trusting God for right now?
4. In **I Kings 17:10-15**, neither Elijah nor the widow nor her son were in ideal circumstances. But they had the same God. God was at work in each one of them. Which position would have been more difficult to be in: asking to take a widow's final meal for her family or giving away your final meal to a stranger?

5. Describe a time when you decided to step out in faith and obey God even though the decision didn't seem to make sense to you at the time. Did your experience strengthen your relationship with God? If so, how?
6. Do you feel worthy of being God's representative? What might be holding you back from moving forward?
7. What is God saying and what is He asking you to do?

PRAYER

Take time to pray for each other in your group. Pray for the steps of faith and acts of courage the group is sharing to do this week.

ACTION ITEMS

Join us for a free, fun event on October 30 at Fall Fest at Sun Valley Community Church at the Tempe Campus. You can register to attend or sign up at fallfest.sv.cc

Our next baptism weekend will be November 14 & 15. To learn more and to register, visit <http://baptism.sv.cc>