



## HOME GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SERMON 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

### MEDITATION – WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP!

#### 1 Kings 19 v1-18

#### INTRODUCTION

Ice breaker: who is your hero and why?

#### 1. THREE THINGS ELIJAH GETS WRONG

1.1 He listens more to the voice of the evil one than he listens to the voice of God (v2-3)

1.2 He chooses his own wilderness rather than God's mountain (v4, v8)

Question 1: What might the wilderness represent in our lives?

1.3 He trusts more in his own strength than he trusts in the strength of God (v4, v10, v14)

Question 2: Why do we trust in our own strength?

#### 2. THREE WAYS GOD HELPS HIM

2.1 He feeds him (v5-7)

Question 3: How does God feed us?

2.2 He speaks to him

- Through his questions (v9, v13)

- Through the manifestation of evil – wind, earthquake, fire (v11-12)

- Through his whisper (v12)

Question 4: Is God speaking to you now? If so, what is he saying?

2.3 He sends him (v15)

Question 5: Where is God sending you?

#### 3. THREE WAYS GOD USES HIM (TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM)

3.1 For a frightened Elijah he provides a king to rule (v15)

Question 6: What things are you afraid of?

3.2 For a discouraged Elijah he provides a prophet to speak (v16)

3.3 For a lonely Elijah, he gathers a people to worship (v18)

Question 7: How do we deal with loneliness in a spiritual way?

**A PRAYER**

Loving Lord, thank you that you are there when I feel like giving up. Help me make time to meditate on you and listen to your still small voice. Lead me from the emptiness of the wilderness to the safety of the cave and on to the wonder of your mountain. Feed me, speak to me and send me to build your kingdom. When I am afraid, be king of my fears, when I am discouraged, speak to me a voice of hope and when I am lonely grant me the fellowship of your people, as I look to you, my prophet, priest and King, for the sake of your Son my Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen