



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Elijah: Still Small Voice
August 28 & 31, 2025
Pastor Matt Carter

LEADER NOTES – *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less* - S3 E6: Elder Gary Proctor on How to Encourage Men to Lead a Group, Encourage Openness and Honesty, and How to Prepare for Group. Listen to this and ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#). **Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Saturated, September 10-14: This our annual five-day event in which we anticipate the movement of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body. Preachers and teachers include Willie Robertson, Pastor Jon Tyson, Pastor Phil Hopper, Lysa TerKeurst and Pastor Joby Martin. [Click here for all the information on times and locations.](#)

Baptism Classes: In-person classes through September 7 – Classes offered after every service at all campuses in the weeks leading up to Saturated. [Click here](#) to learn more. **Baptism Class on Demand** – Complete the baptism class online and receive your next steps. [Click here.](#)

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's in group action step: "1. *This week, when fear, anxiety, or hopelessness arise, stop and name the lie. Then, out loud, replace it with God's truth and renew your mind. (2 Corinthians 10:5.)* 2. *Confess, repent and apologize to anyone hurt by your harsh words. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you self-control over your tongue in the future. Forgive those whose harsh words have wounded you.*" How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: *1 Kings 19:9-21; Jonah 1:1-4; John 21:1-19; Philippians 1:6*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Our goal is for your group members to engage in a meaningful discussion, not to answer every question. Creating trust among members and understanding who is in the group is vital to taking conversations deeper and growing in vulnerability.

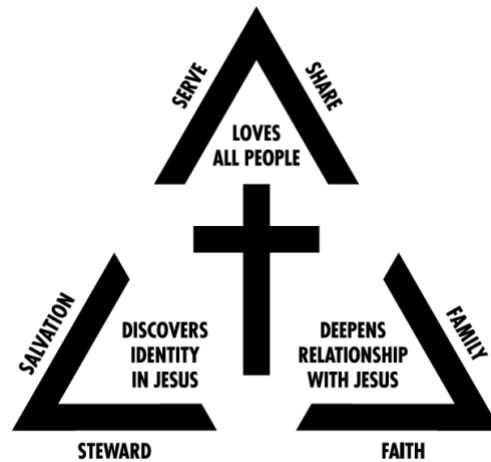
- **Read 1 Kings 19:9-21. What stood out to you in the sermon this week, in the scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Share a time you felt like you were walking with God, and then for some reason, you felt far from Him - your "dark night of the soul" (first quoted by St. John of the Cross). *(Remember Philipians 1:6. If you belong to Jesus, He will NEVER let you go! See John 6:37.)*
Deepen: When you find yourself feeling this way, what practical steps can you take to trust that God is still pursuing you?
- **God never stopped pursuing Elijah, even in his failure. What does this say about God's character?**
- **Discuss how God restored Elijah with tenderness and kindness.** *(Even as Elijah was running from God's calling, God didn't shame or condemn him. God talked to Elijah, treated him with kindness, drew him near and restored him. Even at your worst, God is scanning the horizon, pursuing you!)*
- **When you sin and feel like you've failed God, what do you do?** *(Some of us get fearful, thinking God will punish us or give up on us. Some run from Him in shame. What we should do when we sin is repent and beg his forgiveness. God engaged Elijah in his fear and failure. God is a loving father, gently restoring the soul of a beloved son by asking, and then listening, to what was on his heart.)*
- **What are some reasons God used (and still uses) imperfect people to carry out His work?**
- **Why do you think God revealed himself in a low whisper (or a still small voice) instead of the wind, fire or earthquake?** *(God knew in that moment, when Elijah was bruised and broken and hanging on by a thread, he didn't need the God of power and might. He needed the God of tenderness and mercy and love.)*
- **How do you best hear God's voice?**
- **Read 1 Kings 19:9-13. Twice, God tenderheartedly asks, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Where in your life, a place of hiding, self-pity or busyness might God be asking you, "What are you doing here?"** *(Remember, you have a choice: to listen to the voice of the enemy that says God is done with you or to hear God ask you, "What are you doing here?" It's not a condemnation; it's an invitation for you to come home, to feel His nearness and to return to His purpose for your life. You're not disqualified. You're not alone. You're not done.)*

Action Step: Every day this week read Jonah 1:1-4 and pray, "Lord, wherever You want me to go, whatever You want me to do, I'm Yours." Spend 5 minutes in silence, being still and listening for God's low whisper or quiet voice. Do whatever He tells you to do.

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