



## **Sermon Study Guide**

**Sunday, August 16, 2020**

***Desiring the Kingdom: Hearing God's Voice***

**1 Kings 19:9-21**

**Key verse:** *And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper."* 1 Kings 19:11-12(ESV). **Key idea:** Hearing God's voice involves expecting, receiving, and responding to what God says.

**Read through 1 Kings 19:9-21.** We also recommend watching Sunday's sermon again on the White Fields website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page. Pause the video, reflect on, and discuss areas that challenge you or speak to you in a significant way.

**1.**Read 1 Kings 19:9 aloud. What is Elijah doing in this verse, and why? Have you ever found yourself wanting to run away from the problems in your life? If so, what did you do to respond to those feelings? Is running away from problems a solution? Why or why not?

**2.** Elijah ran from the threat that was posed by Ahab and Jezebel. What was significant about the place that he ran to? What do you believe his purpose was in running to this place? When you seek refuge from problems, where is your "safe place".

**3.**Read 1 Kings 19:10 aloud. In his response to God's question, Elijah is focused on his own feelings. How has this contributed to his plight? How can you avoid falling into a similar situation as Elijah? What is the best defense against being self-indulged? Discuss ways to avoid this dilemma.

**4.**Read 1 Kings 19:11-12 aloud. Ponder and discuss the events that are occurring in this passage. How did God speak to Elijah? How do you seek to hear God's voice? Discuss a time when you believe God spoke to you. How did you react? What was the result?

**5.**Read 1 Kings 19:14-15 aloud. In this verse, Elijah repeated his story and God responded. What was God's response? Why did God not address Elijah's concerns? Read 1 Kings 19:19 aloud. What was Elijah's response to God's calling? What does this say about how we should respond to God's calling?

**Continue to pray for our pastors, the members of our church, and our community. Pray that our church will be a refuge to those seeking to find and draw closer to God.**