



Elijah: Pt. 3; Created For a Purpose

So often we find ourselves in circumstances that we know we shouldn't be in. Usually it's because we have taken our eyes off of God. The result is that we find ourselves running in a direction that we were never called to run towards. When we have those times of feeling lost, defeated, and void of purpose, we must lean into God. It's in those moments that God can do his best work in us. We just have to have faith and trust in him.

Bottom Line: God created you for a purpose on purpose.

Discussion Questions:

1. Think of the last long vacation you took. Was it difficult or easy for you to go back to your normal routine? What challenges are there "coming back to reality"?
2. A "mountain top" experience is described as one in which God shows up. (ex: He provided deliverance to a lost child, blessed you with a job promotion, healed a family divide, gifted a couple with a child after infertility, broke the bonds of addiction; etc.) What has been a mountain top experience for you?
3. Sometimes we are rocked by something we weren't expecting. This can send us into a valley of despair. During this time we can begin to question, and maybe doubt, God's presence in our lives. What causes us to doubt God?
4. **Read 1 Kings 19:1-5.** When Elijah's life was threatened, he responded in fear instead of faith. Describe a time when you have felt so overwhelmed by your circumstances that you felt ready to give up. What brought you out of that despair?
5. Describe ways we can strengthen our trust in God so that we can face difficult situations with confidence.
6. Of these three things, which do you believe you can be more intentional about doing so that you are tuned in to God's purpose for your life? 1) Take time to rest, 2) Listen for God's voice 3) Recommit to God's vision. Describe how you will create intentionality.
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.