

## Homework for Lesson 25 Prayer: Listening to God

You are going to read a section of scripture. It is part of the story of the great Prophet Elijah. Prophets were those chosen by God to deliver God's messages. Many times, Prophets said things that were so challenging, their audience did not want to listen. We find Elijah hiding in a cave because he challenged the prophets of Baal, a false God many worshipped including the Queen, Jezebel. He showed the prophets the power of God at Mt. Sinai while disproving Baal. Because of his boldness, his life was in danger. Elijah was frustrated because he felt that everyone had lost their way and they no longer followed God and he was scared because he thought he was alone.

### Read **1 Kings 19:3-13**

What did you notice about how God communicates at the end of this story?

*The story says that God didn't come to Elijah in a booming voice or a great sign. God wasn't in the wind or the earthquake or the fire. God communicated through a "thin, quiet sound" – some translations say "a whisper" or a "still, small voice".*

Why do you think God spoke to Elijah in the quiet?

What might this say about God? (Think about that for a moment).

Why do you think Elijah hid his face in his coat when God did this?

We sometimes expect God to be revealed through miracles or great signs, but often God is found in the stillness. We may not hear an audible voice, but we can experience and sense God's presence in moments of quiet and reflection. But that is hard to do... our lives are filled with noise and busyness. If we are honest, we are so used to the stimulus of our screens, it is hard for us to just breathe and listen for God.

### **DISCUSS:**

Where do you most often sense God?

What helps you to get quiet and pray?