

# Does my life matter?

**GO FURTHER | SEPTEMBER 18 | HOW CAN I HEAR GOD'S VOICE?**

## **START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- WHAT MUSIC DO YOU LOVE TO LISTEN TO? ROCK? POP? HIP-HOP? INSTRUMENTAL? WHY?

## **START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- Read 1 Kings 19:9-10. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Elijah leaves his success on Mt. Carmel. Where does he end up?
- Elijah gets away to hear from God. Have you ever gone away somewhere with the explicit purpose to hear God's voice? Where? How did it go?
- How can we hear God's voice in the busyness of our days, making space for silence and solitude?

## **START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.**

- Read 1 Kings 19:11-13. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How does Elijah know God is in the whisper and not in the other noise?
- We are challenged to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17). What does that look like in our running-around lives?
- In the Scripture, what does God say to Elijah? Is it the same?
- God gets our attention through echoes. In what ways, in your life, have you heard God tell you the same thing in many different ways?

## **START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Lord God, as a people living in a loud and noisy world, we need silence and solitude; we need to hear a word from you each and every day. May your Holy Spirit empower us to slow down for just a moment in our busy days, to turn off everything and simply listen to the word you want us to hear: you are worthy. You are my child. I love you. May that Word empower us to be the people of care and concern and compassion for our neighbors you've called us to be.

## **START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.**

- For more on Elijah, check out this 5-day Bible reading plan:  
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/22913-elijah-faith-and-fire>