

## Questions God Asks

### Study 5 “What Are You Doing Here”

Group Discussion. After an outstanding success, why do we need to be vigilant about our emotional and spiritual lives?

Personal Reflection. When and why have you wanted to withdraw and not face reality? What did you do, with what results?

Read 1 Kings 19:1-18.

1. Trace the stages of Elijah’s withdrawal from Jezreel to Mt. Horeb (vv. 1-9).
2. How would you explain Elijah’s prayer (and his mental and emotional state) in verse 4?
3. Elijah prayed to die. Far from taking his life, what did the Lord do instead (vv. 5-8)?
4. The Lord asked, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (v. 9). Would you say Elijah’s response (v. 10) was an answer to the question or not? Why do you say that?
5. How would you describe Elijah’s mood and attitude as he answered the Lord?
6. In what circumstances have you shared Elijah’s feelings?
7. What appears to be the purpose of what happened in verses 11-12? If you were Elijah, how do you think you would react to what happens?
8. The Lord had told Elijah to “go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord” (v. 11). After several dramatic natural events, there was “a gentle whisper” (v. 12). Elijah heard the same question he had heard before. Would you expect Elijah to answer differently this time, or not? Why?
9. How did the Lord give Elijah a reason to get out of the cave (vv. 15-18)? ©2018 by Dale H. and Sandra H. Larsen What Are You Doing Here? 27
10. When and how has the Lord encouraged you to come out of hiding by giving you a purpose and a job to do?

11. What specific step will you take this week to face difficult circumstances with the help and strength of the Lord? Pray that you will walk forward boldly into a situation you have been shrinking back from in fear.

**NOW OR LATER**

Study any or all of these Scripture passages, which are pleas for the Lord's help in a crisis:

- 2 Kings 19:9-19
- Psalm 5
- Psalm 17
- Psalm 25
- Psalm 35
- Psalm 69