**Questions God Asks….What are you doing here?**

**I Kings 19:1-9**

**THE BIG IDEA:**

In this study we will be looking to the prophet Elijah: his circumstances, his flight, the question God asks Him, and how the Spirit of God might be speaking to us in the light of Pentecost.

**OPENING:**

To get a fuller picture read 1 Kings16:29-19:21. Note - 1Kings 16:30.

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

What do you know about Jezebel? The Sidonians? Baal worship? Asherah worship? Do a little research to learn of the evil that was rampant in Israel at the time and what Elijah was opposing.

List the miracles that God brought about through Elijah. How are they similar to the works of Jesus Christ? What were the reasons Elijah gave for running away? Does his flight surprise you given all that God did through him? In what ways did Elijah misunderstand things? What do you think God is getting at with His question, “What are you doing here?”

Read Acts 1:8. Before Jesus’ disciples go out to serve Him what are they to do? What are they in need of? Where were they supposed to go? Did they go? How did the Lord get them out of Jerusalem (Acts 8:1)?

**PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:**

Spend some time reflecting on the work of the Spirit in your life, miracles He did, answers to prayers, and His faithfulness. Now think of those times where you were fearful and doubted God. Can you see how we are like the prophet in less dire circumstances?

Elijah took refuge on Mt. Horeb. Is that where he was supposed to be (I Kings 19:15-21)? The Lord had ministry for his followers to do after Pentecost…did they go? The Lord commissioned us to go and make disciples (Matt 28:19). Are you making any?

Think about God’s question as if He put it to you with a different emphasis on each word. What is the Lord saying to you?

**What** are you doing here? What are **you doing** here? What are you doing **here**?

In a quiet time of prayer and worship, ask the Spirit of God to come upon you, refresh you and empower you for the ministry He has planned for you.

**PRAYER:**