



Week of Sunday,
September 20, 2026

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

SEPTEMBER FOCUS - ACCOUNTABLE

Select a question below to ask the group to gauge how you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. How can we respond to temptations in the moment to help us overcome them?
2. How do we grow through overcoming temptations and engaging in accountability?
3. Do you have people in your life you can be completely honest with, and why is it important to have accountability like this?

INTRODUCTION

In our world of constant noise and distraction, silence and solitude, can be both difficult to find and difficult to engage with. In 1 Kings 19 when Elijah desperately needs the Lord it is in Elijah's silence and solitude that he hears the soft whisper of the Lord. How can we carve out a sacred time, of quite to simply hear from God? How could hearing from God change our lives, or families, and our church?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Kings

READ ALOUD

1 Kings 19: 9-13

DISCUSS

Opening Question

What is the most memorable experience from the revival at Long Hollow or from your time spent with the Lord over the years, and why?

From the Panel

- What stood out to you the most from the panel discussion this Sunday morning?
- What does it mean to you to “hear from God?”

From the Passage

- Why do you think God asked Elijah, “What are you doing here?”
- What does God speaking in a whisper to Elijah tell us about His nature and His relationship with us?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- What is the “noise” in your life that is making it difficult to hear the quiet voice of God?
- How would you like to see God bring revival to yourself, your family, Long Hollow, and beyond?
- How does intimacy with God and prayer lead to revival in our own lives and in our church?

**Consider engaging in the Wait and Hear God 7 Week
Challenge at
waithearchallenge.com as a group.**

RESPOND

Spend an extended time in prayer as a group asking the Lord to bring revival again! You can use things your group discussed to pray for and/or reference our church prayer prompts below.

Praying as a Church - Week 34 Prayer Prompts

(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

Praise

- As you read 2 Kings 6, reflect on God's care for His people in both the big and small details of life. Praise Him as you encounter His faithfulness throughout these accounts.
- Praise the Lord for the storms in your life that expose the true thoughts and desires of your heart. Praise Him that you can never escape His presence. Jonah 1
- As you read Jonah 4:2, reflect on the character of God, and praise Him for who He is.

Silence & Solitude

- Reflect on the areas of your life where your faith is lacking. Let 2 Kings 6 guide you in praying for open eyes to recognize what God is doing around you, even when you can't see Him at work.
- Evaluate your position and posture before the Lord. Are you living in the center of God's will, or are you running from Him or from something He has called you to do? Jonah 1
- Do you have a genuine love for people and God's kingdom? Sit quietly before the Lord, asking Him to evaluate your heart and your passion for His mission to redeem the lost. Jonah 4

Ask - Allow the Word to Guide Your Prayer Requests

- Use Jonah 2 to pray for a renewed love for our salvation as a church, that we would never take it for granted but keep growing in what it means to be rescued from the pit and brought into new life in Christ.
- Use Jonah 3 to ask God for boldness to proclaim the gospel, that our community would hear the name of Christ, come to know Him, and respond in faith.
- Pray for those in your life who do not yet know Christ or the power of His finished work on the cross. Ask God to draw them to Himself and bring them to saving faith.

Lament - What Has Grieved You as You Have Read the Word?

- Confess any areas of your life where you may be running from the Lord. Jonah 1
- Let Jonah's prayer in Jonah 2 guide your own prayer of confession. Ask God to reveal any worthless idols you are clinging to and to help you surrender them to Him.
- Honestly bring before the Lord any prejudice, lack of love for others, anger, or hatred that may be in your heart. Ask Him to fill you with a supernatural love for every person He has created. Jonah 4

Mission

- Pray that God would use our ministry partner, Full Count, mightily in the days to come. Pray for this week's banquet, for God's provision of financial resources, for wisdom and strength for the leadership, and a clear vision for the future.
- As you read the book of Jonah this week, let it guide your prayers for yourself, those in our community, and the unreached peoples of the world. Ask the Lord how He is leading you to pray and how He desires to shape your heart for His mission.

This Week: Full Count Banquet, October 1, 2026

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

1 Kings 19:9-13

When Elijah was scared and tired, what did God give him first?

For younger kids, point out that God took care of Elijah's body before anything else talk about how God cares for us when we're tired too. Older kids can discuss why physical needs matter even in spiritual struggles.

God wasn't in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire; where did Elijah finally hear Him?

With younger kids, talk about how good listening can mean we have to be quiet. With teens, explore why God chose a quiet whisper instead of something loud and dramatic, and what that means about how He speaks today.

Why do you think God asked Elijah "What are you doing here?"

For younger children, talk about how God cared about how Elijah was feeling. For older kids and teens, dig into how God already knew the answer but wanted Elijah to say it out loud, and ask if they've ever needed to talk through their own feelings with someone who already knew what was wrong.

GET INTO THE WORD

A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 34

- 1 Kings 21 / Proverbs 9
 - 1 Kings 22 / Proverbs 10
 - 2 Kings 2 / Proverbs 11
 - 2 Kings 3 / Proverbs 12
 - 2 Kings 5 / Proverbs 13
- MEMORIZE: Mark 10:45, John 6:37

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Wait / Hear - Resources

Robby Gallaty



Visit waithearchallenge.com or scan the QR for more resource and the 7 week challenge.

WATCH

The Bible Project's Guide - Kings



See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **1 and 2 Kings** and their themes.

The Bible Project's Guide - Proverbs



See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **Proverbs** and its themes.

What's Going On at Long Hollow

- **Noche de Adoración** - domingo, 27 de septiembre a las 5:30PM en la Capilla de Hendersonville (This gathering is designed for Spanish speakers, those learning the language, and anyone who wants to support and worship alongside our Spanish-speaking Long Hollow family. No registration is required.)
- **Fall Equipping Classes** - New classes starting in September and October.
- **55+ Dinner** - Thursday, October 1st 6-8PM.

Starting a D-Group

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.

longhollow.com/dgroups

What's Going On?

God confronts Elijah with a direct question—“What are you doing here, Elijah?”—after the prophet has fled to Mount Horeb following Jezebel’s death threat. (1 Kings 19:9–13) Elijah responds by defending his loyalty to God, claiming he has remained devoted while Israel has abandoned God’s covenant, destroyed altars, and executed God’s prophets. (1 Kings 19:9–13) He insists he stands alone, targeted for death. (1 Kings 19:9–13)

God then instructs Elijah to witness a dramatic display: a powerful wind shatters mountains and cliffs, followed by an earthquake, then fire—yet God’s presence inhabits none of these phenomena. Instead, after the fire comes a soft whisper. (1 Kings 19:9–13) Paradoxically, God produces these cosmic forces only to deliberately disassociate himself from each one. This corrects a misconception arising from the Mount Carmel victory, where God consumed the altar with fire—suggesting God might be identical with nature’s power or perceivable only through it.

Upon hearing the whisper, Elijah covers his face and emerges from the cave. (1 Kings 19:9–13) When God repeats the same question, Elijah repeats his previous answer verbatim—seemingly unaffected by the revelation, as if the divine stillness made no impact on his turbulent thoughts. Rather than immediately correcting Elijah’s despair, God first orchestrates this theophany—a specific occasion of divine self-revelation.

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A Bit of Background Context

The immediate backdrop involves Elijah's dramatic confrontation with Baal's prophets at Mount Carmel, where he commanded the people, called upon the Lord to accept a sacrifice, challenged the prophets to prove their god's existence, and ultimately had them killed. Queen Jezebel, furious over the deaths of her prophets, sent Elijah a message threatening his life, prompting him to flee in terror from Jezreel to Beer-sheba and then deeper into the wilderness—a distance of roughly one hundred miles.

Gripped by fear, Elijah abandoned his servant and traveled a day's journey into the desert, where he sat beneath a broom tree and prayed for death. (1 Kings 19:1–8) An angel appeared twice, providing him food and water, and strengthened by this sustenance, Elijah walked forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God. (1 Kings 19:1–8) This location held profound significance as the place where Moses had encountered God.

The passage captures a prophet in crisis—transformed from the confident, commanding figure who had just orchestrated a spectacular divine vindication into someone so broken that he wishes for death. While Elijah's claim that he alone remains faithful doesn't precisely match the previous chapter's account, it reveals his psychological state. His journey parallels Moses' own experience: like Moses, Elijah had confronted a pagan ruler, issued oracles of judgment, executed idol worshipers, and now fled to the wilderness for his life. This parallel establishes that Elijah approaches Horeb not as a triumphant victor but as a fugitive seeking refuge at the very mountain where God had previously revealed himself to Israel's greatest prophet.

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He entered a cave there and spent the night. Suddenly, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah? ” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of Armies, but the Israelites have abandoned your covenant, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are looking for me to take my life.” Then he said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the LORD’s presence.” At that moment, the LORD passed by. A great and mighty wind was tearing at the mountains and was shattering cliffs before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a voice, a soft whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Suddenly, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah? ”

Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

MISSIONAL

Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

ACCOUNTABLE

Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

REPRODUCIBLE

Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

COMMUNAL

Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

SCRIPTURAL

Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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