

DISCUSSION GUIDE
THE CHASE—PART 4
“What Are You Doing Here?”

Icebreaker: Have you ever run away from anything? Who or what? Why?

What are some different things people run away from?

What’s something that stood out or impacted you from the message on Sunday?

Do you agree or disagree that you can wholeheartedly chase after God and at the same time have struggles in your life—you can have great faith and fear at the same time? Explain.

1) Read I Kings 19:1-7.

What comes to mind as you read this or hear it? Can you relate to Elijah? Has there ever been a time in your life when you were running from God because you were fighting a battle you were afraid of—and you were tired of fighting? How did God remind you of His presence & give you hope?

How has God spoken to you—how has He put the Word right by your head—when you were struggling?

2) Read I Kings 19:9.

When you’re confronted with a difficult task, what’s your natural response?

What are some of God's promises (or Bible verses) that help you when you're "in the cave"? How can God's promises help you move forward in confidence?

3) Read I Kings 19:11-13.

Why do you think God didn't reveal Himself to Elijah through the wind or the earthquake or the fire—why a whisper? What does that say to you in your situation? In other words, what does it look like to chase after Jesus in "the cave of life"?

How does it make you feel to know that God's not distant—He's close—& He's asking "What are you doing here? How long are you going to stay in the cave?"

4) Read I Kings 19:15.

God told Elijah to go back the way he came—go back & continue his ministry! How does believing God's grace give you the confidence to "go back the way you came"? In other words, how can you get back on track chasing Jesus when you're in the cave of life?

How will you respond? What's your next step? What Bible verse or promise will you apply to your life this week to help you keep chasing after Jesus?

Close in prayer.