2026-11-18 Discussion Questions

Elijah had just witnessed one of the greatest miracles in the Bible before completely falling apart in fear and exhaustion -- what does his experience reveal about the relationship between spiritual highs and our vulnerability to discouragement?

The pastor describes how God responded to Elijah's burnout not with rebuke but with rest, food, and gentle restoration -- how does this challenge the way you typically respond to your own failures or the failures of others?

God was not found in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a gentle whisper -- in what ways might we be so focused on dramatic spiritual experiences that we miss the quiet ways God is actually speaking to us?

Both Moses and Elijah disqualified themselves from service because of their failures, yet God called them back -- what personal failures or feelings of unworthiness have caused you to pull back from what you believe God has called you to do?

The pastor draws a distinction between worshiping God in spirit and truth versus creating emotional or dramatic experiences to simulate God's presence -- how do you personally discern the difference between genuine worship and manufactured feeling?

God corrected Elijah's belief that he was the only faithful one left by revealing that 7,000 in Israel had not bowed to Baal -- how does the tendency to believe we are alone in our faithfulness or suffering distort our perspective and our trust in God?

The transfiguration scene in Luke 9 shows Moses and Elijah -- two men who considered themselves failures -- being chosen to minister to Jesus himself at a critical moment -- what does this suggest about how God views our past mistakes in relation to our future usefulness?

The pastor says that walking with God is anything but predictable and that

we get into trouble when we think we can anticipate what God will do -- how has an unmet expectation of how God should work ever caused you to doubt or pull away from him?

The sermon draws a parallel between Elijah running from Jezebel and Moses running after killing the Egyptian, suggesting that God sometimes allows us to exhaust ourselves before redirecting us -- have you ever experienced a season of running that God ultimately used to reposition you for something greater?

The pastor closes by noting that Moses and Elijah encouraged Jesus to remain faithful unto death, and that Jesus did -- how does the reality that even Jesus was ministered to by others in his most difficult moments reshape how you think about giving and receiving encouragement within the church?