

SERMON TITLE: **What Are You Doing Here?**

TEXT: **1 Kings 19**

### **INTRODUCTION.**

In this sermon, we will learn about the importance of passing on our faith [AND an example of faithfulness to Jesus] to those who come after us. As we study what Scripture says, we will see that our purpose as followers of Jesus is only realized when we teach others how to be faithful followers of Jesus as well.

### **DISCUSSION.**

Compare your life today with how you were 5 or 10 years ago. In what ways are you already passing on your faith and an example of faithfulness? How might you be more intentional about “passing it on” to that ‘next generation’.

### **EXAMINATION.**

1 Kings 19 [You may also wish to read 1 Kings 17-18 for background on Elijah.]

Elijah has had many successes and wonderful miracles performed through him by God. Yet, one threat from Jezebel sends him running in defeat (vv. 1-4). Have you, like Elijah, ever felt completely ‘defeated’ by a single set back, as though all of your work has been for nothing? How did God bring to you His perspective to your situation and help you through it?

What kind of tone are you picking up from Elijah in verse 10? Whom, essentially, do you think Elijah is blaming for all of his trouble? What do you think Elijah needs most?

Even after the three cataclysmic natural events (vv. 11-12 [see also Ex. 19:9, 16-19]) Elijah’s perspective hasn’t changed. What do you make of that? What was God trying to say to Elijah through that event? Why do you think it was only after silence had fallen that Elijah could clearly hear what God wanted him to do? What is God telling him to do in verses 15-18? In what ways may those instructions be God’s prescription to Elijah for breaking through his sense of purposelessness?

Have you ever admired the spiritual experiences of people like Elijah, or even people you’ve met, and felt like a failure because things like this don’t happen to you? How is God trying to communicate to you right now? Has God ever asked you, “What are you doing here?” What was your answer? In the midst of all your hard work and faithfulness to God, are you developing the one who will replace you?

Who is your ‘Elisha’?

### **APPLICATION.**

- What one thing will you do this week or this month to more clearly demonstrate your steadfast faithfulness to Jesus? What one thing will you do this week to identify your ‘Elisha’ and begin passing on a life of faithfulness to them — teaching them to also ‘pass it on’?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?