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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose the questions that relate best to you and your Small Group.

God With Us Week 2 - In the Wilderness

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-- which means, "God with us." **Matthew 1:23 (NIV)**

ICE-BREAKER: Have you ever spent time in a national park or other wilderness area? Where? What did you like about it?

READ: 1 Kings 19:3-12

How did God communicate with Elijah? How does He communicate with you? How can you adjust your life to more effectively hear from Him?

To what extent do you think Elijah was justified in being discouraged by his circumstances?

Why did God reveal Himself to Elijah when the prophet was discouraged?

What strikes you as unusual about God's question to Elijah in the cave?

Have you ever been in a settings where you felt like you were the only believer? What was that like?

What important lesson did Elijah learn about how God chooses to speak to people?

In what discouraging circumstances can you remind yourself that God is in control?

What habit could you cultivate to make sure you are ready to hear God's voice?

Why is it that when life is so difficult, God's voice can seem so quiet?

If God wants us to hear Him, why does He whisper? Why doesn't He shout?

"Your deepest need becomes a gift when it drives you to depend on God." Have you experienced this gift? Can you share your story?

What can you do to discover God's provision and rest in your life today?

Close by asking God to help each member of the group hear His still, small voice.