

Elijah's Encounter

Read 1 Kings 19:9b-21

Elijah reaches Horeb, the mountain of the Lord. He finds a shelter, a place to rest, in a cave on the mountain.

Read, then **let your imagination lead you** as you **pray** with this meeting with God.

Use the questions below if you wish.

How is the cave? How is the weary traveller?

What do you feel, as the word of the Lord comes? What feelings come as you reel with the earthquake, as you watch the fire? What happens when the noise subsides and just a gentle whisper draws Elijah out to the cave mouth?

How does Elijah hear God's questions? 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' Not once, but twice... Elijah is given the chance to tell his story, to pour out his fears.

In your stillness, in your waiting for God's whisper, how do God's questions come to you? What are you doing here, today?

How will you answer God? What do you feel like pouring out to Him? What do you sense that God's whisper might be saying to you? Write or draw what you notice.

God's instructions come. God's answer. God's provision. God's encouragement. God's future for His people. Here is God's new commission for his prophet.

Elijah's 'I am the only one left' is silenced by the names of new leaders and by the seven thousand remnant of godly faithful people. He is not alone.

Elijah, encouraged, goes and finds Elisha and a new chapter begins.

Where is God leading you, as you move on from this journey with Elijah, from these mountains, these deserts? Wait with Him, listen, then go on with courage to work these things out in your life in the coming days.