



The Ministry of Elijah

Lesson 4: The LORD is my Faithful God

Intro: Have you ever felt that God isn't handling
a situation in the best way?

I. God Appears to be Faithless 19:1-9

Ecclesiastes 7:15

Beersheba - 100 mi. south of Samaria

Mt. Sinai - 300 mi. south of Samaria

A day's journey into the desert without food and water!

The effect in Israel of Elijah's flight:

- a.
- b.

Digging Deeper 1:

Analyze Elijah's solution to the problems in Israel: "Take my life..."

Digging Deeper 2:

How does God deal with Elijah's doubts, fears, and outright cowardice?

Digging Deeper 3:

What other men of God had their moments of doubt on the pages of Scripture?

Digging Deeper 4:

Depression and "burn out" are common maladies that affect called workers today too. How can we, as members of the congregation, help them?

II. Elijah Sees the Glory of God 19:9b-18

Elijah: the source of his dissatisfaction?

Luke 9:51-55

Elijah - God's Question Confronts Elijah's Sin

- a.
- b.

c.

The Lord's Reply

A New Assignment

a.

b.

c.

III. The Call of Elisha - 18:19-21

Twelve pair of oxen - a sign of wealth

"Elisha" = "My God is Salvation"

v. 20 - The call to the public ministry is not one of compulsion

Digging Deeper 5:

What "quiet miracles" of God are recorded in Scripture?

What is the "gentle whisper" of God today?

Digging Deeper 6:

What does this section say to our congregation's ministry today as far as ...

... our task is concerned?

... results are concerned?

... our perception of the world is concerned?

... our perception of God is concerned?

Digging Deeper 7:

What qualities in Elisha do you notice that are suitable for the public ministry?