



# 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?*