

Genesis 3; 1 Kings 19; Matthew 16 "Quotable Questions"

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Warm up

The question game. Go around the circle and each person asks the person to their left a question that would help the group to get to know one another better. For example, make these questions simple, like, "Where is your favorite place to eat?" or "What is your all time fav. Song?' or "What do you like to do on a day off?"

<u>Discuss</u>

- Pastor Steve talked about the effectiveness of asking good questions. Do you remember a question someone asked you that made a difference in your life? What was going on at that time in your life?

- If God were to ask you, "Where are you?" How would you respond today? Would that be a difficult question to answer or an easy one? Why?

- Read the account of Elijah in 1 Kings 19. When God asks him "What are you doing here" why do you think God is speaking to him that way? Why is Elijah there? Do you ever find yourself running from fears in your life? Would someone be brave enough to share about a fear that makes you want to run?

- What is God's advice to Elijah regarding his fear? What steps would he take to face his fears and move forward? Why do you think Elijah did not need to be

afraid of wicked Jezebel afterall? On a scale of 1-10 how strong is your trust in God's being with you when the chips are down?

- Who do you say that Jesus is? Give a personal response to this all-important question. What difference does your perception of Jesus make in your life? Why, in your opinion, is this such an important question?

- Steve concluded his message by talking about an elder in his life who asked the question, "What is the Lord doing in your life lately?" As the leader, try to demonstrate an answer to this question as a model for others. You do not have to get all super spiritual, just indicate what you think God is up to in your life. It is especially helpful if your response bounces off of a section of Scripture or a reading in your devotional literature. Keep it simple and then give others a chance to respond. If you are brave, you can ask everyone to share what they think. It's up to you.