



## WEEKEND RESOURCES | FEBRUARY 18, 2024

### Week Two | To Experience

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** The Eastern Hills mission is to invite everyone to experience that following Jesus Makes Life Better. Too often, Christians have conflated knowledge of the Bible with intimacy with God. We have conflated church activity with intimacy with God. And we have conflated moral purity with intimacy with God. But God wants us to experience a relationship with him.

#### » Main Points

- Inviting everyone **to Experience** that Following Jesus Makes Life Better.
- Be still and know.
- To Experience: See. Know. Do. Feel.

#### » Getting Started

- Discuss something you have done that must be experienced to be fully understood and/or appreciated.

#### » Observation

- Read and reflect on [1 Kings 18-19](#); [Psalm 46:10](#); [Ephesians 1:5](#); [Romans 12:1](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?



- We often talk about inviting our neighbors, friends, or co-workers into our lives. Sharing a meal together, having them over for a BBQ. There are times we want them to experience Jesus, and one of the best ways to do that is to invite them to church. Don't be weird, but invite someone to church with you when the time is right.



- Look back at 1 Kings 18. How would you describe Elijah's experience with God in this chapter?
- Compare chapter 18 with chapter 19. What surprises you in Elijah's response to God?
- How would you explain the difference between knowing about God and knowing God personally? What happens when we confuse knowledge about God with personally knowing him?
- *Information without transformation is worthless. Knowledge without application is useless.* In what ways is your life being transformed by the information you have learned? How is your knowledge about God applied to how you treat others?



- How often do you experience quiet and stillness as a family? Probably not often if you're like most families! This week, plan a time to experience God as a family. Curate some time (even 3-4 min.) when you can be still, quiet, and thank God for what you have and what He's done.

#### » Next Steps and Prayer

- Consider these questions throughout the week:
  - What do I need to start doing?
  - What do I need to stop doing?
- Close by praying that God would create a desire in you to experience a more personal relationship with him.