

## Small Group Study Notes

### 1 Kings 19:1-21

1. What reasons can we give for the failure of the fire on Mt Carmel to convince Jezebel of the reality of God? How much evidence do you think a person needs before they will be convinced of the reality of God?
2. "I am no better than my ancestors" (v4). Elijah compares himself with his predecessors. What is to be gained and what is to be lost in comparing ourselves with others?
3. It would take only 7 days at the most for Elijah to walk down to Mt Sinai (Horeb). That it took him "40" days and that it took Israel "40" years to do the same journey is meant to point us to a connection. What connection would you make?
4. At Sinai Elijah mentions all that is wrong and nothing that is good (eg no mention of Obediah, or the widow of Zarehath, or the 100 prophets that were living in a cave). What is it about being depressed that causes us to refuse to see any good anywhere?
5. What Elijah needs is to "hear" from God. God speaks not in the fireworks but in a gentle voice. How does God speak today?
6. Elijah thought it was all over (v4&10) but God has another generation coming up and Elijah needs to play his part in getting his successor ready. How best can the church do succession planning?
7. Why do you think Elisha burnt his plough?