

## DO HARD THINGS

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Why?

1. READ Psalm 139:1-16. Have some discussion on the many layers of why each of us matter.

2. READ 1 Kings 19:1-5. Elijah's archenemy, Jezebel, had put a contract out on his life, threatening to kill him within 24 hours. Because Jezebel had murdered all the other prophets, Elijah obviously took the threat seriously and ran into seclusion. But something happened in the process ... he didn't feel like he mattered anymore. Have you ever had moments like this? Share what causes us to think that we don't matter.

3. READ 1 Kings 19:9b-14. God asks Elijah the same question twice (vv. 9b, 13b). What do you think God was trying to say by asking this question? Ever sense that God is asking us this same question?

4. READ 1 Kings 19:15-18. God tells Elijah what is about to happen. When you think about *doing hard things*, how do passages like this one give you courage?

5. Can you share an experience when *doing hard things* really made an impact and it was obvious that you mattered?