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Jesus & Loneliness

1 Kings 19:1-8

There is an infinite inertia behind the truth of the gospel. It does not pause for circumstances and does not respect feelings. It exists independently of those things. In that way it is unapologetically _____.

Discussion 1. How have you seen the gospel message being disruptive in your life, or in the lives of your family or your community? What is the danger of presenting the gospel as if it is NOT disruptive?

In the Bible, “the wilderness” was _____. It is where he led his people to grow them spiritually. There are some difficult and painful seasons in this life which are necessary for us to grow in the specific ways God intend for us.

Discussion 2. Recall a circumstance or a season in your life that felt like “the wilderness.” How did God use it to grow you spiritually? Do you believe there was any way for you to have grown that way without going through the wilderness?

Loneliness can set in anytime, anywhere, under almost any circumstances. For the Christ follower, the key to coping with it is our connection to _____ through _____.

Discussion 3. Describe a time when you felt lonely, but it made no sense under your current circumstances. Why do you think our connection with God is our only reliable resource for dealing with loneliness?

One of God’s purposes of calling us into a wilderness experience is to bring us to a place where He can show us our specific place in his larger narrative...our _____ in this world.

Discussion 4. If you were required to go through a difficult wilderness experience in order to hear clearly from God what your purpose in this world is, would you do it? Why or why not?