

# LifeGroup Curriculum | Formed in the Hidden Place 02/08

**Main Passage:** 1 Kings 17:1–7

**Scripture References:** Judges 1:27–28; Judges 2:1–3; Psalm 20:7; Psalm 46:10; Philippians 4:6; Psalm 37:23; James 5:17

**Supporting Passages:** Matthew 6:33; 1 Peter 5:6–7; John 15:4–5; Isaiah 30:15

**Culture Code Emphasis:** Presence > Preference

**Main Idea / Question:** How does God confront false sources of trust, form us in hidden places, and teach us dependence before direction?

## Leader Share (Spoken Encouragement)

“Hey everyone, I want to take a moment to encourage you to complete the Spiritual Growth Plan this season. As a church, we really believe intentional discipleship matters—this isn’t about pressure or checking a box, but about helping each of us grow as we live out our call to Belong, Grow, Become, and Go—and you can find it at <https://www.legacychurch.org/sgp>.”

## PORCH TALK

*(Casual conversation that opens the heart before opening the text)*

Leader Setup:

Before Elijah ever hid by the brook, Israel had already drifted in their trust. This conversation helps us identify where subtle shifts happen in our lives too.

### Conversation Starters (choose 3–4):

- When you hear the phrase “*spiritual drift*,” what comes to mind?
- Have you ever looked up in life and thought, “How did I get here?”
- What are some modern things people trust for peace, security, or identity?
- Why do you think misplaced trust happens gradually instead of suddenly?
- Where do you see culture shaping belief more than Scripture shaping belief today?

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## LIVING ROOM

*(Deeper biblical processing for those ready to engage the text)*

### 1) God Confronts False Power

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:1

**Support:** Judges 2:1–3; Psalm 20:7

**Context:** Israel had begun trusting Baal — a false god believed to control rain, agriculture, and prosperity. So God shuts off the rain — not as punishment alone, but exposure.

**Say:** God doesn't argue with false power — He exposes it.

Sometimes what we trust most is revealed when it's removed.

**Ask:** What are modern “Baal substitutes” people look to for provision or peace? Have you ever had something removed that revealed where your trust really was? What's the difference between enjoying a blessing and depending on it? Where might God be confronting misplaced trust in your life right now?

### 2) God Calls Elijah to Hide

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:2–3

**Support:** Psalm 46:10; Matthew 6:33

**Context:** After confronting Ahab publicly, God speaks to Elijah privately — calling him to hide by the brook Cherith.

**Say:** Calling doesn't create platforms — it creates environments. God wasn't building Elijah's reputation. He was building Elijah's roots.

**Ask:** Why do we often expect visibility after obedience? What hidden seasons has God used to shape you? How do you respond when obedience leads to obscurity? Where might God be inviting you into deeper dependence right now?

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## 3) God Sustains Daily Dependence

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:4–6

**Support:** Philippians 4:6; John 15:4–5

**Context:** Elijah is sustained by ravens and a brook — daily provision, not excess provision He's not exempt from the drought... but he is sustained within it.

**Say:** Hidden places become sustaining places when we depend on God daily.

**Ask:** What does daily dependence look like practically? How do drought seasons expose our spiritual rhythms? Where do you tend to run first when you feel depleted? How might God be teaching you to rely on Him more than systems?

**Reflection Thought:**

Provision flows where obedience leads.

## 4) Dryness Becomes Direction

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:7

**Support:** Psalm 37:23; Isaiah 30:15

**Context:** The brook dries up — not because Elijah failed, but because God was moving him forward.

**Say:** Dryness is often direction — not abandonment.

**Ask:** Have you ever mistaken transition for loss? What “brook” in your life has dried up recently? How do you discern when God is closing a season vs. testing faith? Where might God be redirecting you through discomfort?

 **Reflection Thought:**

God often dries brooks to move you forward.

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## AFTER GLOW

*(Personal reflection + spiritual processing)*

**Read:** James 5:17

Elijah was human — like us. His power wasn't personality. It was dependence. His authority flowed from the hidden place with the Lord .

**Reflect Together:** How does Elijah's humanity encourage your faith? Where do you need deeper devotional consistency? What hidden place of disciplines is God inviting you into? How might dependence reshape your spiritual authority?

**Reflection Verse:**

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." — James 5:16

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## LEGACY CHALLENGE

Don't run from hidden seasons — grow in them.

This week:

- Sit with God before you seek platforms.
- Trust Him before you trust systems.
- Let Him form roots before you chase fruit.

Because the same God who formed Elijah in the hidden place is forming you there too.

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