

*if God...*

## What if God is really present?

### Discussion Questions

1. What is something that you are absolutely convinced of that not everyone would necessarily agree with? OR What is something that took you a long time to become convinced of?
2. Read Romans 8:38-39. What specific things jump out to you in these verses? What questions do you have?
3. Dig a little deeper. Why do you think Paul mentions "the present and future" (NIV), or "fears for today and our worries for tomorrow" (NLT), as an example of things that cannot separate us from God's love?
4. Read 1 Kings 18:16-39. Note any specific details from Elijah or any of the other people that are mentioned in this text that stand out to you.
6. Notice how the people reacted after the Lord responds to Elijah's prayer (verse 39). In what ways has seeing God move in your own life shaped your faith in God?
7. Read 1 Kings 19:1-9. What strikes you most about this passage after having just read about Elijah's experience at Mt. Carmel?
8. After reading from this passage in Chapter 19 in this week's message, Pastor Silverio offered that it is in the "wilderness" that the real work of becoming convinced that God is truly present is found. After reflecting on Elijah's experience he mentioned these three things as key components of that work: (1) Get rest (2) Get healthy (3) Get into a steady rhythm of serving and spending time with God. Which one of these resonates with you most right now?
9. Redeemer is challenging everyone to take 3 next steps forward in their faith for 2023, asking the question "If God is for me, what's possible in my life?" What next steps are you feeling led to take? How does knowing God is for you going to help you take those steps?

### Next Steps 2023

- For your next Growth Group, be ready to share an update about a next step you're taking.
- When you complete your next step using the QR code below.

### Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, help our minds to understand and our hearts to believe that you are truly for us. Help us to see your goodness in all things. Help us to see all things through your goodness. Grow our faith and our ministry, for the glory of your name and the building of your kingdom. AMEN.

