



## Whispers in the Wilderness - Rendi Scholten

### Icebreaker:

1. What is your favorite summer tradition?
2. What songs remind you of summer?

### Summary:

- The wilderness is a place of revelation about our hearts
- It is a place of provision even if we don't see or recognize it
- He leads us into the wilderness, He speaks to us in the wilderness, and ultimately prepares us for the next chapter and sometimes in ways we least expect.

### Engage the Bible:

- 1 Kings 19:1-12
- Deuteronomy 8:2-4

### Small Group Questions:

- When have you experienced your own "wilderness" season? What emotions did you feel during that time, and where did you see (or struggle to see) God in the midst of it?
- Rendi mentioned that God often speaks in a "gentle whisper." What does that look like in your life? Have you ever missed God's voice because you were moving too fast?
- Elijah expected to encounter God in dramatic ways, but instead He came in a whisper. How do your expectations of God sometimes get in the way of hearing or recognising Him?
- Rendi asked: "What do you need to prune from your life to hear God's whisper?" Take time as a group to reflect: Is there something that's crowding out God's voice in your current season?
- "You are not being punished; you are being prepared." How does this perspective shift the way you view hardships or seasons of silence in your life?
- How can we surrender to God's pace in a culture that constantly pushes us to hurry? What practical steps can you take this week to slow down and listen for the whisper of God?