

## Where do you find God?

*"Go out and stand on the mountain," the Lord replied. "I want you to see me when I pass by." All at once, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the Lord wasn't in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the Lord wasn't in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the Lord wasn't in the fire. Finally, there was a gentle breeze, and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. 1 Kings 19:11-13*

Talk about some of the places that you can feel the presence of God – some you may be with other people, others you may be alone.

What helps make a "God-place"?  
What make it special?

## Where is God today?

*In the 1600's Brother Lawrence was a member of the Carmelite Order who worked in the kitchens. He disliked his work but came to realize that even here he could find God. After his death letters and conversations were published as "The Practice of the Presence of God".*

Can we find God in all things, in each moment of life?  
How can we practice the presence of God?

During this next week try to be aware of the God moments. Keep a journal, a diary, of the times you feel close to God and those where God seems far away.

# Being Part of the Story



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## Why am I here?

Sometimes we can feel very alone. Our story seems very insignificant when compared to the stories of the great and powerful. But we are important to God and to each other. We are part of long succession of ordinary people who have chosen to walk in faith with God.

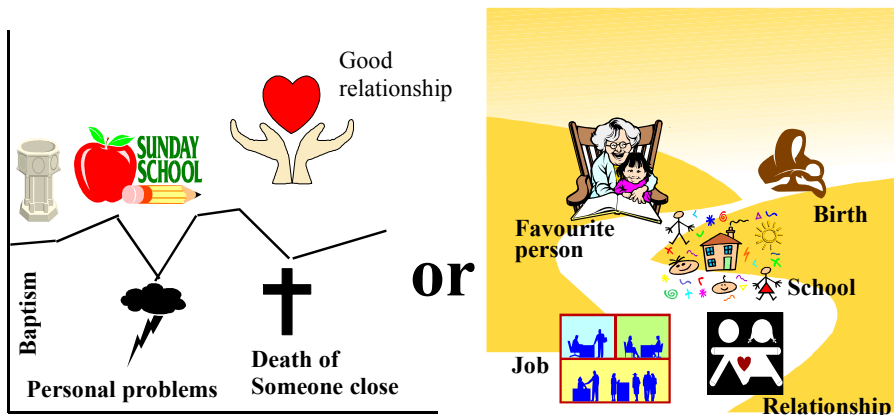
*Remember you are unique, just like everybody else – Pastor's blooper.*

Why have you decided to take part in this study?  
What prompted you to ask about confirmation?

## Where have you come from?

*"Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Aren't James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers? Don't his sisters still live here in our town?" Mark 6:3*

We are shaped by our stories – who I am, where I've come from, what experiences I've had. Take some time to think about your journey. Then draw on a piece of paper some of the key events in your life. You may do this in the form of a graph with highs and lows or as a road marking important milestones on your journey.



What is your first memory of a God moment?  
Where do you see God connecting with your journey ?

You may like to share something of your journey with others.

## What is God all about anyway?

*"Dr Soper, do you believe that God is dead?"  
"I didn't know he'd been ill."*

*Dr Donald Soper, a Methodist Minister, in conversation with an American journalist.*

*Now all we can see of God is like a cloudy picture in a mirror. Later we will see him face to face. We don't know everything, but then we will, just as God completely understands us.*

*1 Corinthians 13:12*

Look at the word below.

# GOD

What words and phrases does that word conjure up?  
(If you prefer you might draw symbols, or mould shapes.)

Which do you see as helpful to you?

Which of these is most important in your relationship with God?  
Why?

Which images do you find unhelpful?

What does God mean to you?