



Discussion Guide



Sermon Title: "The Silence Of God"

Date: December 31, 2017

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. 🕒 What was it like for you during a time when it seemed God was "silent"?
2. If you had a "moment of silence" during school, what did you do in that time?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Name as many different ways you can think of that God "speaks" to us?
2. 🕒 How can God be "active" and "silent" at the same time?
3. 🕒 What "quiet work" has God done in your life?
4. Why do you think God chose not to have any prophets or scriptures written in the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments?
5. What are some significant historical things that happened between the Old & New Testaments?
6. 🕒 Why didn't God "capitalize" on the momentum of Christ's birth by having Jesus do miracles when he was a child?
7. 🕒 What might God be doing in your life in those moments he seems silent?
8. What can you be doing when it seems God is silent?

FURTHER REFLECTION

1. How do you reconcile God's rest spoken of in Genesis and Hebrews, and the concept that "God is always at work"?
2. 🕒 In what ways do you need God to grow you in:
 - Spiritual or emotional strength?
 - Wisdom?
 - Grace?
3. How would it affect your spiritual life if you never heard God speak or saw any of his work around you?
4. *Should* it affect you?

☞ Feel free to use the questions marked with a "🕒" if your time is limited ☞

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES (NASB unless otherwise noted)

Main Texts

 **Psalms 83:1**

O God, do not remain quiet;
Do not be silent and, O God, do not be still.

 **Galatians 4:4**

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law.

 **Luke 2:40**

The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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