



Christmas for Columbia County

INTRODUCTION

What do we do with the silence of God? Should we assume He has abandoned us and despair? Even in the silence and difficulty, God is moving and shaping things to the good.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

The gap between the biblical books of Malachi and Matthew span 400+ years. In that time there are no prophets or representatives from God. This “silence” for many symbolized God turning away from the world. Yet, along with many other things, God was creating the conditions necessary for His grand plan of salvation.

1. What are some moments of “silence” you have experienced from God? How did you feel in those moments?
2. Read [Romans 8:18-30](#)
Knowing that God is intentional with everything, how do you view those “silence” moments now?
3. How can you use your circumstances to partner with God in what He is doing around you?

MOVING FORWARD

While we don't always get to choose where we are or the times we find ourselves in, we do get to choose a very important aspect of life: how we respond to what we have been given. Take stock of the blessings in your life and look around you in the midst of chaos and turmoil; there is probably someone there with you in need of the hope you have in Christ!