SIGNALS Part 3: When God is Silent

Objective: To remind us that when it feels like God is silent, that doesn't mean he is not present and workin in our lives..

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

Jeremiah 31:3

<u>Search me</u>, God, and <u>know</u> my heart; <u>test me</u> and <u>know</u> my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any <u>offensive way</u> in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

The <u>heavens declare</u> the glory of God; the <u>skies proclaim</u> the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they <u>pour forth speech</u>; night after night they <u>reveal knowledge</u>. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet <u>their voice goes out into all the earth</u>, <u>their words to the ends of the world</u>.

Psalm 19:1-4

...will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who <u>cry out to him day and night?</u>

Luke 18:7

But those who <u>hope</u> in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

- We often give a negative connotation to silence (i.e. the silent treatment), but it isn't always a negative thing. What are some of the positive aspects of silence?
- When it it feels like God is silent, how do you tend to respond?
- The pastor gave several possible actions that can help us hear God even in the silence. Which ones have you tried before? How effective were they?
- Do you believe God is fully engaged in your life, even when you can't hear Him? Why or why not?
- What can you do to help others overcome discouragement when it seems like God is silent in their lives?

Consider this week:

• What steps/actions can you take this week to help yourself hear God's voice more clearly? Who will you have hold you accountable to take those steps?

Final Thought: God is fully engaged in your life, even when you can't hear or feel Him.

