

Sermon Guide



"The Harmony of Silence" **December 18th, 2022**

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel..."

Luke 2:22-38

1) Greg said that our experience of silence from God is not unique; God is silent throughout long stretches of history. Greg said that there are times when we need God most... Yet He is silent. Have you had an experience like this? If so, what happened?

2) In Luke 2:25, Simeon is described as "waiting for the consolation of Israel." Greg explained that console means "to strengthen, give them a place to stand, and comfort." How have you experienced consolation from God recently?

3) Through the Holy Spirit's presence, we can know God is always with us. Silence is not abandonment but rather a call for faith and trust. Is there an area you need to press into greater faith and trust right now, knowing you are not abandoned by God?

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?