

Silence

Revelation 8:1

Sermon Discussion Questions

December 6, 2020

Special Note: In light of Revelation 1:3, please read the passage for this week's study questions aloud as a group before going through the questions.

1. Describe a time/situation when God was silent? How did you feel emotionally and spiritually? Were you drawn to embrace God more in those moments or did it push you away from Him?
2. Silence in heaven is abrupt after periods of great noise (see Revelation 4:5; 4:8; 4:11; 5:2; 5:11-13; 7:9-10). What occurs after the thirty minutes of silence in heaven (See Psalm 50:3 & Isaiah 41:1)? Does this provide you encouragement or fear?
3. As a group, **read Romans 12:19**. What does this passage suggest about our role and God's when we are faced with adverse or difficult situations? Why is it so easy to think that God doesn't care and hard to remember that God has power over all things in times of silence?
4. As a group, **read Matthew 27:11-14**. Share with the group insights you gathered from Jesus in his conversation with Pilate. What emotions would you feel if you were able to be there and listen in to that conversation?
5. As a group, **read Romans 8:38-39** together, how does this passage give us hope in the silence? Does silence assume that we are separated or separating from God?
6. Pastor Mark mentions that the silence we see in Revelation 8:1 is a call to faith. Discuss amongst the group different ways we can release the fear of surrendering silence to the Lord. Close time together by praying for one another.