



HOMEGROWN

Discipleship

Silence - 5/24/2020

OVERVIEW

How can we recognize the voice of God? This week we visit the account of Elijah and see how even in the chaos of wind, earthquake and raging fires, God spoke to Elijah in a soft whisper. He spoke then and He speaks now! But...are we missing the voice of God in the sound of silence because of the noise filling our lives?

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:8-9; 1 Kings 19:9-13,18; Psalm 62:5; Lamentations 3:26; Habakkuk 2:20

APPLICATION

- Chaos has a way of distorting our view of reality. How have you seen this statement to be true in this last season of Covid-19?
- Throughout the Old Testament we see God speak in huge manifestations (burning bushes, visits by angels, earthquakes, etc). In Elijah's experience, God was absent from the wind, from the earthquake and then from the raging fire. Why do you think God was absent from Elijah in those moments, but chose a silent whisper instead?
- But then in a gentle whisper, God spoke and Elijah heard. Elijah found God in the silence. He found hope in His whisper. Do you assume that God speaks to you or do you feel that is reserved for someone else or someone more "spiritual"?
- Are we missing the voice of God in the sound of silence because of the noise filling our lives? What noise is filling your life that distracts you from listening?

HOMEWORK: Like last week, begin by asking God to help you clearly see the area in your life that needs attention. Go online and search "scriptures on _____." Your blank may be filled in with gentleness, pride, adultery, patience, jealousy, etc. Each day, take one of the Scripture suggestions and write it down, meditate on it, memorize it and ask God to use His Word to help you. Then for 5 minutes just sit and listen for God to speak directly to you. After you are done, journal and share what God spoke to you.

