



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: SILVER LININGS

TITLE: SILENCE

SCRIPTURE: 1 KINGS 19.9-18

One Thing Follow-up:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” and “your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27

Q. How have you seen, or expressed, compassion in the past week?

Opening

The meaning behind the saying “Every cloud has a silver lining.” Is that in every difficult situation or setback contains potential for a good outcome. By searching for positives in difficult or confusing circumstances, we not only begin to experience more peace, we gain the ability to solve any parts of the problem within our control and accept the parts beyond our control.

Series Review:

We are continuing the Silver Linings series this week that will challenge us to find the silver linings during difficult situations or setbacks. We in 1 Kings 19:1-8 where we will learn that God speaks to us during the silent times in our lives.

Reviewing the Message

We are reading about the prophet Elijah. Elijah is literally coming off of a mountain top experience with God. He finally feels that everything will finally settle down. Just then, he finds himself running for his life and hiding in a cave on Mt. Horeb.

Read 1 Kings 19.9

Q. Has there ever been a time when you have felt God challenge you in a situation?

Read 1 Kings 19.10

Share a time when you felt you had done everything right and yet it didn't quite work out the way you planned.

Read 1 Kings 19.11-12

God sends a great wind, a terrible earthquake, and a massive fire but God was not in them. After they passed, Elijah was able to hear God through a faint whisper.

Q. Do you tend to look for God in the “grand” experiences? Give examples.

Read 1 Kings 19.13

Q. What does it mean to find God in the silence?

Q. What distractions hinder you from hearing God’s voice?

Q. What are God’s primary way of communicating to his people?

Read Psalm 46.1-2

Q How might these verses help now?

Q. How can we keep from fearing in the midst of trouble?

Read Psalm 46.10

Q. What do you need to turn over to God to handle right now?

Q. What is God trying to say to you in this silence?

Read 1 Kings 19.14

Q. What is Elijah feeling in this verse? How do we experience the same emotions in times like this?

Read 1 Kings 19.15-18

It is at this moment that we see God’s graciousness.

Q. Did God rescue Elijah from his problem?

Q. What did God do for Elijah?

Q. Has God helped change your perspective in a positive way lately? How?

Steve mentioned 3 important lessons from this text in the sermon.

There's more to faith than the high moments.

Q. Are you in the habit of meeting God in the both the high and low moments of your walk?

Q. Sometimes God doesn't rescue in the way we hope. Instead, he gives us a new perspective. Has this happened in your life? How?

You're not alone.

Q. How has God used community in the difficult moments of your life?

Q. Are we every truly alone? Why, or, why not?

We often hear God most clearly in the silence.

Q. Do you make regular time to be still before God and let him speak?

Q. Do you expect God to speak to you through his word?

Q. Are your prayers more than a list of your needs/desires?

Q. What can you do to get rid of the noise so that you can hear God more clearly?

**Living It Out
Application**

Living it Out-Application

We find Elijah hiding in a cave where God teaches him and us a valuable lesson about how to listen for Him. It is not in the greatest noise that we can find God, but in the silence.

Q. What is God saying to you in this parable?

Q. What will you do about it?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

How should the group be praying this week?