

Breaking Silence
WEEK ONE: How to hear from God even when he seems silent
1 Kings 19:9–13

NOTES:

1. When did God Speak?
2. Why was God Silent?
3. You're not alone in the Silence.
4. Align ourselves with God's heart.

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: Have you ever had a time in life where you felt God was silent or maybe even ignoring you? How did you try to seek him in these times? What was it like when you finally heard him speak?

Quick Fire Round:

1. Read Gen 1:1-3, What is significant about these verses when it comes to God speaking?
2. Read Gen 12:1-3, Put yourself in Abraham's position, what would you have done if God would have called you in this way? Think about your life, how has God called you and to what has he called you?
3. Read Job 38:1-42:6, Knowing what Job has gone through in the traumatic events of his life, why do you think God has spoken to him in this way? What can we learn from this?
4. Read 1 Kings 19:9-13, Elijah has just had an amazing victory, but responds with terrible fear. What is significant about the way God speaks to Elijah? Have you ever felt like Elijah before? What was it like, and how did you find your strength in God again?
5. God Doesn't always speak in loud booming voices. He often uses small quiet ways to speak. Consider the 400 years of silence between Malachi and Matthew, how did God work during this time period and who was he setting the stage for? How does this give us confidence in what ways God speaks and works out his will?

Weekly Challenge: *During this time of Silence the temptation is for us to isolate and feel alone. God wants to speak to us and encourage us in the same way he came to encourage Elijah. How can we jump in and join where God is already at work? Do the things that excited God, excite us? Do the things that break God's heart, break ours? When we know his word and our hearts are inclined to him, we act on the things God has called us to.*