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**Discipleship Phrase:** Jesus comes to disrupt our perception of power, security and control.

**Big Idea for Series:** Our expectations are not always God's realization.

**Abiding** (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

When you pray, do you find that you have more “question marks” or “exclamation marks?? Meaning, are you regularly asking God for things or are you regularly focusing on definitive statements about His true nature? Have you taken a posture of dependence on God surrendering control and following Him in obedience? God may be wanting to teach you something that may only be learned through your absolute obedience and surrender for God's bigger picture to unfold. Trust in God's character and rest in the silence so that He can bring a transformation in you. Will you trust Him even when He says “wait” or “not now?” Only in silence can you hear His voice and feel His presence.

**Leading** (*facilitate your group effectively*)

We are going to spend some time this week talking about silence; and yes, we do see the irony. Dig into what it looks like (or how it feels) when God is silent. Do you feel His presence in the times of your life where He has remained silent? Do you still listen well through the absence of direction? The valleys can teach way more than the peaks ever could, in the same respect, God's silence can sometimes say way more than words ever could. Ask everyone how they feel about the very real possibility that often His silence is exactly what you need.

**Shepherding** (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

During group time this week there is a heavy emphasis on silence, particularly silence from God. These times can definitely be trying and lead to uncertainty. However, as a leader, be genuinely curious and listen well. Follow up with those in your group the week following group who expressed a connection to this silent period. Also, as you try to love them well through this, be mindful of the power of presence. Sometimes just being there physically, with someone in the mess, is a far greater comfort than any words you could muster up. Familiarize yourself with the silence and be comfortable in it while allowing the Holy Spirit to do what only he can do.

**Church Announcements** (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- Young Adults Meet Up! March 29, 2021 7-9 PM! No registration necessary!

**REMEMBER: “Every group deserves a great leader.”**

# LifeGroups at Southeast

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**Welcome/Introductions** (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

**Open in Prayer** (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

**Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows** (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

**Weekly Vision Checklist** (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

**Ask a Hook Question** (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)

Who was the last person you gave the silent treatment to?

**Recap the Message** (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

**Scriptures References** (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

**1 Samuel 2:17 (ESV), 1 Samuel 3:1 (ESV), Isaiah 53:7 (ESV), Matthew 26:63 (ESV), Isaiah 40:27-31 (ESV), 2 Chronicles 32:31 (ESV)**

**Implications** (*takeaways from the message*)

1. God’s agenda to redeem the world hasn’t changed even when it seems like he is silent.
2. How we respond to God’s silence reveals what we believe about him. Do we believe he’s given us everything we need, or do we believe he’s holding out on us?
3. We should sit in the mess with people rather than making matters worse by trying to solve or make sense of their situation.
4. When we are praying for God to give us something and he remains silent, God may be asking us to let go of that desire.

**Discussion Questions** (*going beyond the surface*)

1. What does 1 Samuel 3:1 say about the word of the Lord? Do you feel it’s still possible at times?
2. What do you believe about God when He is silent?
3. What situation in your life right now do you believe God is silent in? And what are you learning through it?
4. How can you begin to embrace God’s silence?

**Prayer Requests** (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

**Closing Prayer** (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)