



Carols of Christmas

Week 4: Silent Night | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 12.24.2023

Opener

What's your favorite Christmas Eve tradition?

Read

Luke 2:4-7; Galatians 4:4; Colossians 1:21-22;

Main Points

1. There are several different types of silence: awkward, respectful, sacred, relational, unexpected, digital, painful, and peaceful.
2. Though the journey to Bethlehem was anything but silent, calm or bright - the birth of Jesus would bring peaceful silence into the chaos of the world and of our soul.
3. God is always working, whether seen or unseen, heard or unheard. Before that *silent night* in Bethlehem, there were 400 years of silent nights where no word from God was spoken. God was preparing the earth to receive his son and spread his message. For 4 centuries, he was readying the world for the Son of God to enter.
4. Heaven's silence was broken through the cry of a baby - the baby.

Engage with God in a Group

- Which type of silence have you experienced the most in life over the past few months?
- When have you experienced what you felt was God's silence but could reflect back on later to know he was with you and at work in your life?
- What do you typically do when you feel God is silent in your life?
- Who has God put in your life to remind you of his goodness, faithfulness, and presence even in the midst of his silence?
- To whom might God want to love through you - whether through words or even just listening?

Bottom Line

God's silence is not his absence.