

Grace Groups: When God Is Quiet

Week of March 1, 2026

Theme: God's Silence Is Not God's Absence

Text: Esther 1–2

Additional Texts: Proverbs 21:1; Romans 8:28; Genesis 39:2; Habakkuk 1:2–5

Leader Reminder

These questions are a tool, not a checklist. Please pick and choose the ones that best serve your group. You will not cover them all. The order of importance in your group is:

1. Prayer (seek God together)
2. Connection (share life and listen well)
3. Questions (engage Scripture and sermon themes)

(Don't sacrifice the first two in order to rush through all the questions.)

Warm-Up

Share about a time when you later realized something was happening “behind the scenes” for your good — but you didn't see it at the time.

Dig Deeper

1. The sermon stated: “God's silence is not God's absence.” Joseph's story (Genesis 39:2) says “The Lord was with Joseph” even when he was enslaved. How does that perspective challenge the way we interpret hard seasons?

Leader Note: Encourage people to separate feelings from truth. Ask: What assumptions do we make when God doesn't intervene quickly? Invite testimony of God's faithfulness in hindsight.

2. In Esther 2, a drunken decision leads to Esther being positioned as queen — long before the crisis of genocide appears. How have you seen God position something in your life before you understood why? (Read Proverbs 21:1 and Romans 8:28.)

Leader Note: Draw out the key truth: God is positioning your deliverance before you see the danger. Encourage practical examples — relationships, career moves, church involvement, or hardships that shaped character.

3. The repeated word in Esther 2 is “favor.” No miracles. No dramatic prayers recorded. Just ordinary circumstances unfolding. Why do we often miss God's providence when it feels ordinary?

Leader Note: Help the group wrestle with the idea that providence rarely feels spectacular in the moment. Ask: Do you require visible signs to trust God? Why do we want explanation before obedience?

4. Jesus lived under corrupt power, was crucified in apparent silence, and yet the resurrection revealed God's hidden plan (Acts 2:23–24). How does the cross and resurrection help you trust God when He seems quiet?

Leader Note: This is the gospel connection. Emphasize that the cross looked like defeat — “Power is loud. God is quiet.” But the resurrection proves God was working all along. Keep the focus on trusting Christ.

Application

1. Where is God asking you to trust Him right now — even without explanation?
2. What would it look like this week to trust God before you fully understand what He is doing? (A decision? A step of obedience? Staying faithful where you are?)

Prayer Focus

Pray for trust in seasons when God feels silent. Thank Jesus that the resurrection proves God is always working — even when we cannot see it. Ask for faith to believe that He is arranging, positioning, and preparing good beyond what we understand.