Wrestling with God

PSG

**Day 1 Looking Back**

1. What lessons, tools, or personal insights did you gain from your study last week received through the PSG, the message, or the closed group discussion? Feel free to write down a personal application as well if you have one.
2. What scripture was particularly helpful to you in last week’s study?

**Day 2 Introduction**

There are many times in our walk with God that it *seems* like He is silent, or not there. Often we feel as though He is not answering our prayers, or maybe even that He doesn’t care about what is going on in our lives. Elijah, one of God’s great servants, experienced 3 ½ years of silence (1 Kings 18:1). Other examples are Abraham, Job, Habakkuk, King David; all experienced a time of God’s seeming silence in their lives.

Do you have any initial thoughts about what God my be up to in those moments of silence?

Think back to time when you felt that God was silent in your life. What were the circumstances?

Looking at the situation in hindsight, can you now see what God was doing? If so, what?

Did you learn anything useful from that situation in how God answered your prayers (or not)?

If you are still waiting or if you can not see anything positive from this situation, write an honest prayer to God to guide you through this difficult time and give you peace, wisdom and confort. Consider sharing it with your group and processing your true feelings.

**Day 3 Our thoughts**

If we are honest, we often have thoughts, ideas or maybe even expectations or plans regarding HOW we want God to answer our prayers and WHAT we want Him to do. We think we know what’s best in a given situation. What do the following verses say about that?

Proverbs 14:12

Isaiah 55:8

Psalm 139:1-3

How should the above verses change our thinking in regards to God’s timing, purpose and silence?

“We can be sure our prayers are answered precisely in the way we would want them to be answered if we knew everything God knows.” Tim Keller

**Day 4 What is God up to**

There are things going on that we do not see, or don’t stop to consider. What do the following verses say about that?

Ephesians 6:12

1 Peter 5:8

2 Chronicles 16:9

What does Isaiah 41:10 remind us?

**Day 5 Trust**

It has been said that in times of God’s silence, we should trust MORE, not less. Our best course of action is to trust the promises of God more than our perceptions and emotions. Write down in your own words what the following verses are saying

Proverbs 3:5-6

Hebrews 12:2-3

Jeremiah 29:11

2 Peter 3:9

How does God’s love for us comfort us in times of silence? (Read I john 4:10 with Isaiah 49:15 to help you) Are there other verses that remind you of God’s love for you?

**Day 6 Reflection**

Is there something in your life right now that you are struggling with God about, regarding outcome, timing, or anything related to the situation? Write it down.

Write out a prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to show you steps you can take toward totally letting go and trusting God in every situation. Ask for strength to trust the truths of His word, and not your feelings and emotions. Also examine yourself to see if there might be any unconfessed sin in your life that is hindering you from hearing God.

Write out any thoughts from your study on wrestling with God this week and be prepared to share them with your group