

ANTICIPATION

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:1-4:11; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 1:5-80

1. What happens when God is _____?
 - a. 400 silent years
 - b. Our silent years
2. God _____ the silence.
 - a. Galatians 4:4
 - b. Luke 3:4-16
3. What do we do with this message?
 - a. Are you in a period of anticipation or silence?
 - b. Realize that God is doing something, even in the silence.
 - c. Connect with what God has already said to you.
 - d. Apply God's truth to your situation
 - e. Where is Jesus in your life?

DISCUSSION

1. John the Baptist makes a practical application to the lives of five different groups of people in Luke 3:7-16. (See Matthew 3:7 to help identify the people in the crowd to whom he was so angry.)
 - a. What is John's admonition to each group?
 - b. Do you see any common thread in these admonitions?
 - c. What do you think John would say to AIC?
 - d. What do you think John would say to you?
2. Have you experience "silent years" in your time with God?
 - a. How did you grow through those times?
 - b. What advice could you offer to anyone experiencing such a time?
3. If you are in the midst of a silent time, what can you gain from these scriptures?

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE (we will fast forward to passages surrounding the Easter for the next 3 weeks): Matthew 26:57-27:26; Mark 14:53-15:15; Luke 22:54-23:25; John 19:16-42