

A valley is a season of Trials or difficulty.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (ESV)

- Because God is with us, we need to connect with God.
- What we do in the valley determines the benefit of the valley.
- When you're in the valley, God has you right where He wants you because He's with you.

1 GOD, don't shut me out; don't give me the silent treatment, O God. Psalm 83:1 (MSG)

1 I pray to you, O LORD, my rock. Do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you are silent, I might as well give up and die. Psalm 28:1 (NLT)

When God is silent:

- It doesn't mean He is absent.

17 For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. 18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, 20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. Mark 6:17-20 (NIV)

2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Matthew 11:2-3 (NLT)

35 ...Let the Almighty answer me. Let my accuser write out the charges against me. Job 31:35 (NLT)

- We may not be listening.

1 Then the LORD said to Job, 2 "Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers?" 3 Then Job replied to the LORD,

4 "I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. 5 I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say." Job 40:1-5 (NLT)

3 things to remember when you're waiting on God:

- With God, a waiting season is never a wasted season.
- God's delays are not necessarily God's denials.

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

- We think what we need is an answer from God, but what we really need is the presence of God.

10 Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10(TLB)

- God may wait, but He's never late.
- The moment you call out to Jesus everything changes, maybe not around you, but in you.

- God is listening.

1 I waited patiently for God to help me; then he listened and heard my cry. Psalm 40:1(TLB)

Isaiah 40:31 (TLB)

When you're waiting on God:

- Be patient with God's timing.

3 for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. James 1:3-4 (TLB)

- Don't Give up.

9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 (NLT)



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Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

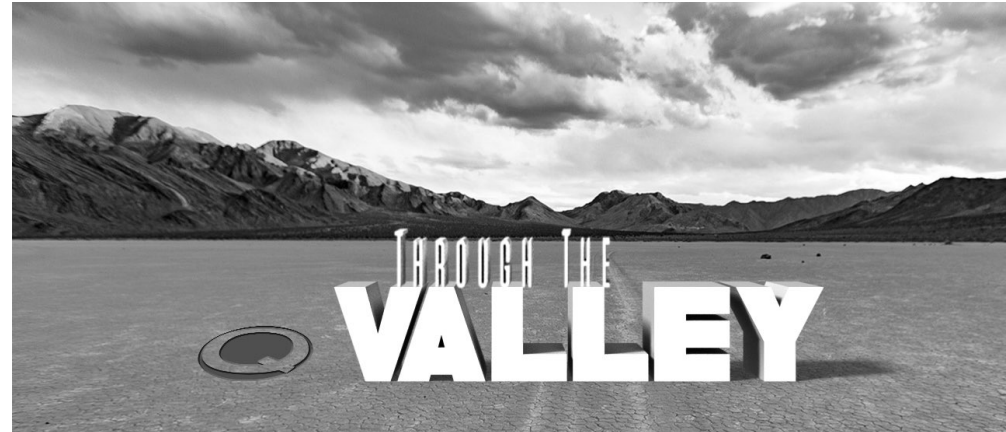
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What is the most difficult Valley experience you have gone through?
- Have you ever felt that God was not listening your prayers? Read Psalm 83:1 and 28:1 - Can you identify with David? Explain
- How would you explain to some this statement: Because God is silent doesn't mean He's absent.
- Why is waiting on God difficult for us? Have you ever gone through a season where you waited on God for something? Explain what happened.
- How do seasons of waiting on God develop us? (or help us to grow)
- What does the statement, "a waiting season is never a wasted season" mean to you?
- Do you agree with the statement: "We think what we need is an answer from God, but what we really need is the presence of God". Explain why.
- When we call out to Jesus, what begins to change within us?
- What are some things we can do when we're waiting on God?

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