

Hazelwood Christian Church Discussion Guide and Family Resources

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Nooma 005 / Noise

SUNDAY NIGHT “NOOMA” DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. “Bernie Krause said that for every hour of undisturbed sound, it would take 2000 hours of recording time.” What does this say about our world? What kind of noise do you have in your life?
2. Why is silence so hard to deal with?
3. Do you ever surround yourself with noise intentionally? Why do we do this?
4. Do you wish God’s voice was louder in your life? Does all the noise in our lives make it harder to hear God?
5. READ Matthew 11:28. Why does Jesus promise us something it seems we really don’t want?
6. When was the last time you spent some time in total silence?
7. READ Psalms 4:4. Is there a correlation between silence and the ability to evaluate your heart? Is that why we like noise, so we don’t have to look at our lives?
8. Have you spent the same amount of time worrying and talking about your difficult, confusing situations as you have spent in silence, listening to what God might have to say? Do you sometimes avoid silence because you’re afraid of what God might actually have to say?
9. READ Luke 5:16. What does this passage teach you?
10. Do you always need someone around you? Why is that?
11. Does my schedule, my time, my life look like that of a person who wants to hear God’s voice?
12. What are some things in your daily life you could change to eliminate some of the noise?
13. Is it possible you’ve been looking for God in the winds, fire and earthquake when he’s been waiting to talk with you in the silence?

Further Family Discussion Questions

In conjunction with Sunday night Ekklesia for teens—HCCYM

1. Why do we fill our time with so many activities and neglect time with God and time with our families? Do we find soccer, meetings, and other activities more important than God and family? So why do we do this?
2. When was the last time you sat together as a family without the TV, radio, iPod, or other device causing a distraction? Try it and see what happens.
3. READ Psalm 46:10. What does it mean to “be still and know that I am God?”
4. How important on a scale of 1 to 10 is it for you as a family to communicate and connect? What do you do to make sure that happens?
5. READ Acts 2:42. How can your family begin to look more like the family of Christians in the first century? What might you need to change?

BE SURE TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!