



Sermon Discussion Guide

Silent Night - Tim Knipp

December 10, 2023

Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- What is a Christmas tradition that you had or have, or what is one you'd like to start?
- Read through the lyrics of Silent Night or listen to the song. Give everyone a minute to reflect on the words.

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
- What do you picture when you hear the words to silent night?
- Read Luke 2:1-20
- How does Luke describe the scene of Jesus's birth?
- Read Habakkuk 2:20

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- If Jesus' birth wasn't actually silent, what do you think is the significance of the lyrics to "Silent Night"?
- What could it look like for us to be "silent" in the presence of God?
- What does God's method for bringing Jesus to earth reveal about his heart?



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Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- In this season, it can be easy to never be silent, or feel like there is too much silence. In this season, where on the spectrum of too much silence to never silent are you?
- With that in mind, how do you need to adjust your heart and mind to be present and silent with Jesus?
- What does it look like for you to center your heart on the implications of Jesus's birth as we head towards Christmas?

Time of Prayer