Silence and Solitude

Silence creates a space for focused <u>listening</u>, enabling us to discern God's <u>guidance</u> and <u>presence</u> more clearly.

Lessons for us to consider

- 1. Silence and solitude can help us <u>understand</u> God's <u>purpose</u> for our life.
- 2. Solitude <u>elevates</u> our dependance on God and <u>lessens</u> our dependence on ourselves.
- 3. We ought to make our time with God a priority before we act on life choices and endeavors.
- 4. Our ultimate dependence on God comes from our one-on-one times with Him.
- 5. Silence and solitude are <u>necessary</u> disciplines of the Christan life if we want to maintain <u>consistency</u> in our walk.

Three results from silence and solitude

- 1. Freedom
- 2. Perspective
- 3. Aid to Other Disciplines

Three steps to practicing silence and solitude

- 1. Give God more chances throughout the day to speak.
- 2. Identify a location that is "your place" for solitude and silence.
- 3. Take a day away every few months to evaluate and to rethink your life goals

Challenge for this week:

- 1. Do the first step three times before next Sunday.
- 2. Be attentive to what the Holy Spirit may be trying to say to you.