

Be Quiet and Speak Up

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, July 5th, 2026



Guest Speaker: Terry Brensinger

Sermon Title: Be Quiet and Speak Up

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-7, 12-14; 2:1-3; 3:2, 16-19

Sermon Focus: The prophet Habakkuk teaches us that prayer is more than talking to God—it begins with learning to be quiet enough to listen for his voice. Faced with confusion, injustice, and unanswered questions, Habakkuk boldly speaks up, bringing his doubts and concerns honestly before the Lord. As he listens and waits, he discovers that faith is not found in having all the answers but in trusting the God who is at work even when we cannot see it. In *Be Quiet and Speak Up*, Terry Brensinger (former pastor of Grantham Church) invites us to embrace prayer as a conversation with God that requires both attentive listening and courageous honesty.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read these selected verses from Habakkuk: 1:2-7, 12-14; 2:1-3; 3:2, 16-19. As you reflect on the conversation between the prophet and God, what stands out to you? What is the tone/mood of each participant and does it change through the conversation?
2. Habakkuk brought his questions and frustrations honestly to God. Why do you think honesty and authenticity are such important parts of a healthy prayer life? What is something you have hesitated to bring before God in prayer?
3. Listening is often the most neglected part of prayer. What practices have helped you slow down and listen for God's voice, and what challenges make listening difficult for you?
4. Habakkuk learned to trust God even when he did not fully understand or agree with his plans. Can you share a time when God seemed silent or confusing, yet you later saw His faithfulness at work?
5. The message described prayer as both being quiet and speaking up. Which of these comes more naturally to you—listening or speaking? What is one practical step you can take this week to grow in the other area?
6. LIFE ON MISSION QUESTION: Dr. Brensing described the purpose of prayer as being drawn into the presence of God. How does communing deeply with God affect our relationships with other people?
7. Spend time in prayer. You may choose to break into groups of 2-3 people or pray all together, but incorporate some time for silent listening to God as you present your concerns to him.