

## Irritated by Silence – Pastor Mark Pope March 18 & 19, 2023

- 1. Share a time when you experienced or gave someone the silent treatment. What happened?
- 2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 How can the silent treatment cause long term relational and spiritual issues?
- 3. Read Mark 3:1-5 Why Jesus was irritated by silence towards a simple question? What are some ways we can overcomplicate a decision when God's will is clear?
- 4. Read Psalm 119:59-60 How do you think God feels when we obey quickly? What are some things we can do that will help us avoid hesitation in the fu?
- 5. Consider your physical, relational, financial, and spiritual life. What is one area where God's direction in your life is clear but you are overcomplicating it. What would it take to surrender to God's direction?
- 6. Reread Mark 3:5 Jesus was irritated by stubbornness. How can being consumed with our own plans or agendas prevent us from seeing someone elses pain? What could God do if you leaned into someone elses pain?
- 7. Prayerfully consider today's discussion. What did God reveal to you about your heart condition? What will you do differently this week because of it?