

# The Sounds of Christmas

## Part 1: The Whisper of Hope

### Message Reflection

**BIG Idea:** Even in the silence, God is speaking – and His whisper of hope breaks through the darkest night.

**Application:** Lean into the whisper of hope during the waiting. Trust the character and promises of God more than the circumstances you see.

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### Discussion Questions

**Icebreaker:** Share a time when you waited for something important. How did the waiting shape your expectations or attitude?

1. Where in life do you currently feel stuck between God's promise and fulfillment?
2. Which of the titles of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 speaks most into your current season, and why? ("Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace")
3. The sermon described hope as a "whisper." What does that metaphor mean to you?
4. Why do you think God often works through silence or slow processes rather than immediate answers?
5. What is the difference between hope rooted in circumstances and hope rooted in God's character?
6. How is the darkness we face today similar to the darkness in Isaiah's time?
7. What might it look like to "lean in and listen" to God during this season?
8. Why is hope sometimes easier to see in hindsight than in the moment? How have you seen that in your life?
9. Describe a time when God was silent, yet proved faithful. What changed in you through that silence?
10. What practical rhythms or routines can help us cultivate hope in a noisy world?

**Prayer Prompt:** Pray that God would open our ears to hear His whisper of hope, strengthen each person in their waiting, and fill our church with peace, trust, and confidence in Jesus.

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