Lifegroup Questions

Breakthrough in the Silence

• Have you ever prayed for something important and felt let down that God didn't answer your prayer in the way you expected? How did you respond? Looking back, have your feelings about that situation changed or remained the same?

Read Psalm 13

- What (if anything) do you find surprising about David's words in this Psalm?
- David says he trusts in the God's unfailing love (verse 5), do you ever find it hard to trust that God has your best interests at heart?
- David choses to worship in the silence (verse 6), why is it so important that we continue to worship God in the silence?

Read Romans 11:33-36

• What does Paul's doxology teach us about the nature of God? (Also see Isaiah 55:8-9)

Read John 11:1-7, 17-44

- What was Mary and Martha's expectation of Jesus when they sent word to him? How do you think they felt when Lazarus died?
- What differences are there in Mary and Maratha's response to Jesus when he shows up? What can we learn from the way Jesus responds to them?
- What do you think Mary and Martha learned through this experience? What does it mean for us?