

Hearing God's Voice

Study Guide

1. Read 1 Samuel 3:8-10. Share on a scale of 1-5 (a little to a lot), of how open you are to hearing God speak to you. Why did you choose that number? Discuss.
2. God speaks in a variety of ways: Conscience, Prayer, Meditation, Creation, the written Word, circumstances, silence, suffering, other people, angelic visitation, dreams, visions, miracles, an audible voice, a still voice. Share a time when God spoke to you in one of these ways.
3. God speaks through the written word! What has been your experience in hearing God speak to you through His word. How would you 'coach' somebody to hearing from God through His word? Discuss.
4. God speaks through other people. Share a time when God spoke to you through another person. What was that like? Do you ever think that God speaks through you to others? What can you do to be more open and 'in tune' to that? Discuss.
5. God speaks through His voice. The Bible has examples of the audible voice of God speaking to a person. Have you ever lived in insecurity because you have not heard God's audible voice? Remember how much God loves you as a Father and desires to be in relationship with you. Instead of the audible voice, He does speak to you! How do you tend to hear God? Discuss:
 - Knowers: you just know it, and you don't really know how
 - See-ers: You can just see what something is going to be before it happens.
 - Hearers: You get a faint whisper in your mind where God gives you a play by play of what will be.
 - Feelers: You get a sense of something. Peace settles on you; or you get a sense that something is bad.

Application

Take a few minutes to pray as a group that God will help you to hear and discern what He is saying to you this next week.

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Message Outline

1 Samuel 3:8-10.

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Conscience

Prayer

Meditation

Creation

Written Word

Circumstances

Silence

Suffering

Other People

Angelic Visitation

Dreams

Visions

Miracles

Audible Voice

God's Word

Other People

Audible Voice of God

Written Word

Justin Peters

"If you want to hear God speak, read your Bible. If you want to hear God speak audibly, read your Bible out loud."

Matthew 4:4

4 But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Luke 24:44

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

Dallas Willard

"The open secret of many Bible believing Churches is that a vanishingly small percentage of those talking about prayer and Bible reading are actually doing what they are talking about."

Written Word**Other People****Audible Voice****Knowers****Slide****Seers****Hearers****Slide****Feelers**