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Naturally Supernatural
Part 2: Hearing God's Voice

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[John 10:1-4]

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

[John 10:16]

And I have other sheep which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.
[John 10:27]  
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

3 Facts about hearing God’s voice:

1. You are born with it (it’s innate)

2. Hearing can be developed or lost

3. God’s words and thoughts are to be valued

[Psalm 139:17-18]  
How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand-

Hindrances to hearing God:

1. Unbelief = the result of wrong teaching & bad experiences

[Hebrews 11:6]  
“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”

• Trusted resources:
  • Hearing God, by Dallas Willard
  • The Power of A Whisper, By Bill Hybels

2. Sin = broken relationship

[Isaiah 59:1-2]  
Listen! The LORD’s arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.
[Psalm 66:18]
If I regard (harbor) iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me.

3. Excessive noise levels and conversations

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is the idea of "hearing God speak to us" something you grew up knowing or is it a new idea?
2. Have you ever heard the voice of God? Was it audible, a vision or image, a prophetic word or a thought he placed in your mind? How did you know it was Him?
3. What areas of unbelief can hinder us from hearing God?
4. Have you experienced a season of life when your sin made it hard to hear God's voice?
5. Is technology interfering with your ability to hear God? How can we be intentional about moving away from the noise of the world and toward the sound of God's voice?
6. Where, when and how do you, or will you, spend time with God?
7. HOMEWORK! Challenge one another to take a pen and paper this next week and daily get away to spend time with God and listen for His voice. Write down what you hear Him say and share next week with your group.
8. Spend some time praying for each other for an increase of God's power and frequency of hearing His voice.