



13 How I wish my people would listen to me; how I wish they would obey me! Psalm 81:13 (TEV)

### Why God wants to speak to you:

- He loves you.
- Relationship requires communication.

### What do we need to do to hear God:

- We need a relationship with Jesus.

27 My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (MSG)

14 But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us. They sound foolish to him because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in. 1 Corinthians 2:14 (TLB)

19 And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!" Exodus 20:19 (NLT)

### When we rely on others to hear from God:

- We detach ourselves from God.
- We limit what God can do in us.
- Our relationship becomes religious.

### Why do we need to hear God?

- It identifies me as one of His.

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (NLT)

- It protects me from making mistakes.

17 God speaks to make them stop their sinning and to save them from becoming proud. Job 33:17 (TEV)

- It brings guidance to my life.

21 You will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way. Follow it, whether it turns to the right or to the left." Isaiah 30:21 (GWT)

- It connects me to God.

23 "If you listen to me and do what I tell you, I will be your God, you will be my people, and all will go well for you." Jeremiah 7:23 (CEV)

### Ways God typically speaks:

- Through the scriptures.

2 Tim. 3:15-17

- Through other believers.

Ephesians 3:10 (NIV); 1 John 4:1 (TLB)

- Through dreams.

Job 33:14-15 (NLT)

- Through His Spirit.

26 The Holy Spirit...he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26 (NLT)

1 Samuel 3:7-10 (CEV)

7 The Lord had not spoken to Samuel before, and Samuel did not recognize the voice. 1 Samuel 3:7 (CEV)

### What do I need to do to hear God:

- I need to develop an open Heart.

25 So be careful and do not refuse to listen when God speaks. Others refused to listen to him when he warned them on earth, and they did not escape. So it will be worse for us if we refuse to listen to God who warns us from heaven. Hebrews 12:25 (NCV)

- I need to stop talking and listen.

4 ...Morning after morning he will wake me to listen like a student.

5 The Almighty LORD will open my ears. I will not rebel, nor will I turn away from him. Isaiah 50:4-5 (GWT)

- I need to do what He says.

10 The LORD then stood beside Samuel and called out as he had done before, "Samuel! Samuel!" "I'm listening," Samuel answered. "What do you want me to do?" 1 Samuel 3:7-10 (CEV)

15 Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts... Hebrews 3:15 (NLT)

### Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

#### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What's one idea from the talk that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- Do you really know that God loves you, and that love motivates Him to speak to you?
- How did the video on Sunday affect you? Why?
- Read 1 Corinthians 2:14, does this scripture describe the people in the video?
- How would you respond to someone that says: "God does not speak to people"?
- Do you think its important or necessary to hear God speak? Why?
- Read John 10:27. What does this mean to you? Explain.
- Talk about the points under: "Why do we need to hear from God"?
- Do you rely on someone else to hear God for you?
- How do we tune our hearts to hear God speak in a noisy world?
- What does it mean to have an open heart? How does that allow us to hear God?

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