

HEARING GOD

Does God Speak?

Message 1

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► Outline

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."

John 10:27 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Exodus 33:11; Hebrews 1:1-2)

B. God speaks to...

1. _____ the unsaved.
(1 Samuel 3:10; John 5:24; 10:27-28;
Romans 8:30; 10:17)

2. _____ Himself.
(Psalm 103:7; Isaiah 55:8-9; John 17:3;
Colossians 1:9-10; 3:10)

3. Require a _____.
(Job 33:14-18; Matthew 28:20; Luke 1:38;
John 14:21,23-24; 15:14)

4. Respond to _____.
(2 Chronicles 20:12,22-24; Psalm 25:4; Proverbs 3:5-6;
Jeremiah 33:3; James 1:5-8)

Answers: 1. Reach 2. Reveal 3. response 4. requests

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Share a time when you heard from God.

Prayer

Spend a few minutes slowing down. Allow enough time for your mind to stop racing and your heart to experience a sense of calm. As you begin this week's study, ask God to reveal Himself to you in new and beautiful ways. Say yes in your spirit to all He has for you.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Hebrews 1:1-2.

1. Who were the ancestors who heard God speak, and in what ways did He do so?
2. How do you feel knowing God speaks to you through Jesus?

Read Romans 8:30; 10:17.

3. What do these verses tell us about having a relationship with God?
4. God has shared the Good News with us. As believers, how can we share the Good News this week?

Read 1 Samuel 3:10.

5. How did Samuel respond to God's calling?
6. How do you respond when you hear God speaking to you?

Read Colossians 1:9-10.

7. What did Paul and Timothy pray for the people of Colosse? How can you pray for others in this way?

8. Hearing and understanding God leads to transformation. How has your relationship with God transformed you?

Read Matthew 28:20 and John 14:21,23-24; 15:14.

9. How does Jesus describe His relationship with us?
10. How can you strengthen your relationship with God?

Read James 1:5-8.

11. What truth does James tell us, and what warning does he give us?
12. Is there anything in your life preventing you from hearing God? Pray and ask God to help you remove it.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Developing the capacity to hear God's voice while reading Scripture is an ongoing practice. One method you can use is Lectio Divina or divine reading. Use this method as you go through the Daily Readings this week. Visit brookwoodchurch.org/spiritualpractice to learn more about this process.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

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| Day 1: John 10:26-30 | Day 4: Job 33:14-17 |
| Day 2: Romans 8:30-34 | Day 5: Psalm 25:1-4 |
| Day 3: Isaiah 55:8-9 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 18, we'll continue our series *Hearing God*. To prepare, read **Job 33:14-18**.

