



Part 4: God Speaks to His People

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

Knowing God's voice is not a matter of honing a method or discovering a formula. Recognising God's voice comes from an intimate love relationship with Him. Those who do not have the relationship do not hear what God is saying (see John 8:47). Since God will uniquely communicate with you in the intimacy of your walk with Him, your relationship with Him is of utmost importance. You become familiar with God's voice as you experience Him. As God speaks and you respond, you will recognise His voice more and more readily.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. List the different ways people communicate with you (verbal/nonverbal). Discuss how each of these ways work and don't work well.
2. The key to hearing God is a love relationship with Him. Some people bypass that and look for other ways to listen to God like looking for a miraculous sign. Why is it wrong for you to look for a sign when you seek God's will? Read Matthew 12:38–39. Contrast this to Judges 6:36–40.
3. Blackaby describes 4 ways God communicates: through The Bible, through Prayer, through the Church, through circumstances. Share about each of these and how you can listen to God through them. Share as a group how God has communicated to you in the past. How did you know it was God?
4. Are you spending time regularly reading your Bible so you can hear God speak?
5. Do you pray regularly? Why or why not? Discuss with the group what you do to enjoy your prayer times?
6. Are you in the midst of a tough/confusing situation? How can you get God's perspective on it? What is God saying to you and is it being confirmed by God's word, your times or prayer, and other believers?

MOVING FORWARD

"God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what." (Hebrews 4:12–13 MESSAGE)

CHANGING YOUR MIND

When going through a tough time, get God's perspective on it. Don't ask God "Why Me?" Instead ask, "What are you trying to say to me through this?"