

The Voice Week 3  
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How can I hear God?

John 10:1-5

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice.”

His voice really is the key to life in Him

Why do we get to hear from the God of all creation?

He wants us to approach Him like a friend that we desire to be with

Child to friend

Share in the revelation of who He is and to partner with us

How to hear from God!

A couple of practical ways to hear from God

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

It reveals God's very character to us

Light always defeats darkness

1 John 1:5

God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.

If there is particular sin that you can't seem to shake, turn on the light of God's Word and it WILL dispel the darkness

If you have lost something

Turn on the LIGHT!

"What does the Bible say about this?"

The Holy Spirit leads us deeper into the Word whenever we draw near to the Lord

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

We have to first enter in to His presence

Like talking to the chair, we have to decide that we know HE IS HERE

God wants us to have a deliberate awareness of His reality and nearness

Make and keep your appointment

Read in a plan

Life Journal reading plan

Not exclusively

Let the Holy Spirit lead

Then ask Him "What do you want me to learn from this passage?"

WORSHIP

Exodus 25:22

I will meet with you, and I will speak to you.

The best thing about our corporate worship times is God's faithfulness to meet with us and speak with us... every...single...time!

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

It is in the times of focused worship when we are drawing close to the Shepherd that we gain perspective on the greatness and nearness of God

Isaiah 6:5

"It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

When we see how great is our God...we see how small our problems really are

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."

That is the picture of God's grace

When we are in worship we take our eyes off of us and we see how great God really is

Psalm 73

He is the main event!