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YOU ASKED FOR IT "How Do I Hear the Voice of God" Group Study

Message Link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p257dflvlio

In this study, we explore "How to Hear the Voice of God". Jesus says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). God still speaks today, not only audibly on rare occasions, but most often through Scripture, the Spirit's promptings, prayer and solitude, dreams/visions, creation, and community.

Key Scriptures

- John 10:27 Jesus' sheep hear His voice, are known by Him, and follow.
- **1 Samuel 3:1–10** Samuel hears God in God's presence, with Eli's guidance, and responds, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- **Hebrews 4:12** God's Word is living and active, discerning thoughts and intentions.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19–21** Do not quench the Spirit; test everything; hold fast to what is good.

Key Takeaways

- God still speaks and desires relationship; His voice draws us to know and follow Jesus (John 10:27).
- **Posture matters**: draw near to His presence, live under godly authority, stay in community, and listen to obey (1 Sam 3).
- **Scripture is primary.** God's voice will never contradict His Word; everything else is weighed by it.
- Ways God speaks: Scripture, Spirit promptings ("holy nudges"), prayer/solitude, dreams/visions, creation, and the Church.
- Discernment grid:
 - o 1) Does it align with Scripture and Jesus' heart?
 - o 2) Will obeying make me more like Jesus?
 - o 3) What does wise community say?
 - o 4) What fruit will it produce?
- **Obedience completes hearing.** In the Bible, to hear and to obey belong together; hearing is fulfilled in doing.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Can you think of a time you became especially aware of God's prompting (through Scripture, prayer, a person, or a "holy nudge")?
 - o Follow-up: How did it shape what you did next?
- 2. How should we approach the topic of hearing God, what it is and what it isn't, and what does it teach us about Jesus' plan and purpose for His Church?
 - Follow-up: How does placing ourselves under authority and in community change the way we discern?
- 3. What does the connection between hearing and obeying (John 10:27) reveal about who Jesus is and how His presence leads us?
 - o Follow-up: Where might God be inviting you from "hearing" to action?
- 4. What is one practical step you can take this week to tune your ear—time in Scripture, a quiet slot of solitude, journalling promptings, or weighing something with your group?
 - Follow-up: What inspires you, and what challenges you most, about living this out?

Tips for This Discussion

- **Be Patient with Questions:** Hearing God is a learned relationship; it grows over time.
- **Focus on Jesus:** Keep discernment centred on His Word and His character; test impressions.
- Respect for Different Perspectives: People hear and process differently; allow space to weigh things with Scripture and community.

GROUPS PRAYER POINTS

Pray for each other's personal journey as a disciple and discipleship in our church

- Being in the presence of Jesus, becoming more like Jesus and continuing the work He did.