

When God Speaks

Discussion Questions

Part 1 - How Do We Hear from God Today?

Consider opening in pray by using Colossians 3:1-2 as a model, such as, “Since, we have been raised with Christ, Father, help us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at Your right hand. As we gather in Your name, help us set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Read Hebrews 1:1-2, John 12:49, and John 15:26

- How did God communicate with humanity in the past?
- What is the role of each Person of the Trinity communicating with humanity today?

Read John 16:12-15

- How does Pastor Cunningham’s description of the Holy Spirit’s “floodlight ministry” relate to this passage and J.I. Packer’s quote below?

“Look at *Him*, and see His glory; listen to *Him*, and hear His Word; go to *Him*, and have life; get to know *Him* and taste His gift of joy and peace.” **-J.I. Packer**

For each of the three reasons we need to hear from God, how does the accompanying passage relate? (if time is short, limit discussion on this section)

1. Assurance - John 10:27
2. Guidance - Psalm 119:105
3. Comfort - Philippians 4:6-7

Below are three ways to recognize God’s voice. As the accompanying passages are read, personalize practical applications to daily life.

1. Start with a verse first - Hebrews 4:12 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. Draw near to God and remove distractions - James 4:8, James 1:21 & James 1:5
3. Listen for sacred echoes in trusted voices - Proverbs 12:15 & Proverbs 15:22

Hearing from God is so much easier when you spend time in the Bible, kneel in prayer, and surround yourself with Godly men and women.

Which of these three do you intend to focus on this week? What change(s) to your daily schedule is (are) necessary?