

SESSION 5: HOW DO I HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

John 10:2-4,14,27 (NIV) "The shepherd of the sheep...calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice....I am the good shepherd. I know my own and they know me...My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

2 Reasons I Can't Hear God's Voice:

- I'm not one of His sheep
- I am a baby lamb who hasn't learned to recognize His voice.

HUMANS	GOD
Finite Communication	Infinite Communication
Signs, Sounds, Signals	Speaks Directly to Our Minds, Thoughts

1. Through His Word.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

2. Through Our Minds.

John 16:13 (NIV) "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

How do I know if a thought is from God or not?

- Check it against the Bible. God will never contradict his written Word.
 - Does it feel like it is something right to do?
 - Ask someone who has been following Jesus longer than you have.
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3. Through Others.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV) "But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort."

4. Through Special Circumstances.

Judges 6:37 (NIV) "Look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."

5. Through Dreams and Visions.

Acts 2:17 (NIV) "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

DISCUSSION

1. How will this affect your life?
2. How will this be challenging?

GROW WITH GOD

Memorize this scripture this week:

Matthew 4:4 (NIV) “Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

MY NEXT STEP

Practice Hearing God’s voice! Everyday this week after you pray, ask God to speak to you. Use the space below to write down what God says to you.

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

This week, read the chapters listed below. As you read, look for verses that stick out to you. Then, pick one verse and take 5 minutes to S.O.A.P it.

PICK A VERSE TO S.O.A.P.	DAY + TIME THAT I'M GOING TO DO IT
Ephesians 1:_____	
Ephesians 2:_____	
Ephesians 3:_____	
Ephesians 4:_____	
Ephesians 5:_____	

Let's do this again!

Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____