God Whisper – Hearing God

Announcements

- **Starting Point** – Sunday, June 3rd , 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church.

Warm-up

What is your preferred way to communicate with your friends (ie. Phone call, text message, face-to-face, etc.) and why do you like it?

Word & Application

In this series, we're learning how to clearly hear the voice of God amidst our noisy, pressured, and cluttered lives.

What do you think are some of the main distractions which keep us from clearly hearing from God?

The scary thing about these distractions is they keep us from communicating with our Creator and Heavenly Father.

How would your life be different if daily you could sit down with God and have a conversation with him and clearly hear what he says?

All of the great men and women of the Bible are known for their ability to hear God's voice and we can have the same experience. We are promised in John 10:27 that if we have a personal relationship with Jesus then we can hear and know his voice.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10. What challenges do you think Samuel had with hearing God's voice? How do you relate to his challenges?

We are going to discuss three important principles found in 1 Samuel 3:1-10 to help us understand how to clearly hear God's voice.

1) God wants to communicate with us.
Is this concept difficult or easy for you to grasp? Why?

God tried to communicate with Samuel four times before his voice was recognized. We read the following phrase several times in **Genesis 1**, *"and God said..."* This is characteristic of God who communicates his heart and will through his words.

God wants to communicate with us. When we don't clearly hear God's voice it is a result of our inability to hear him.

What are some of your biggest challenges to clearly hearing God's voice?

2) We often misunderstand and confuse the voice of God.

Read 1 Samuel 3:4-5. In these verses we see that Samuel *misunderstood and confused* God's voice for Eli's voice.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. God has created us as three-part beings: spirit, soul and body.

When sin entered the world (Genesis 3:6-7) our spirit was no longer the dominant part of our being. The reason we may have a hard time discerning God's voice is because our tendency is to let our emotions (soul) and physical senses (body) dominate our lives.

How does this explanation help you understand why clearly hearing from God can be challenging? What can you do to help your spirit become more in tune with God's voice?

3) Obeying God's voice releases us into our destiny.

Once Samuel *obeyed* God's voice he was able to step into his destiny to be one of the greatest prophets in Israel's history.

Read Matthew 7:24, 26. Which one of these builders represents the person who hears and obeys God's voice? Do you see more similarities between you and the wise builder or the foolish builder? Why?

According to **Romans 8:14**, we must learn to be led by God's voice. What can you do this week to begin to make strides to be able to clearly hear God's voice? What will you do to make sure you obey his voice when you hear it?

Prayer

Ask God to help those in your small group to be able to clearly hear his voice. Take time to ask everybody in your group what specific prayer requests they have and also what prayers they have had answered recently.