



Four Ways to Hear from God | Doug Wekenman | 4.18.21
Weekly Study

S T A R T

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What is your absolute dream job?

S H A R E

Welcome back to Group! This week, Doug gave a powerful message about how to hear the voice of God. Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

How are you feeling on a scale of 1 to 10? Why did you pick that number?

What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

G R O W

Read 1 Kings 19:11-13

This week, Doug shared a quote with us from Chris Hodges. “God doesn’t have a speaking problem; we have a hearing problem.”

What’s your response to that quote? Do you agree with him? Is that true about your life?

God still speaks today. The question is, how do we hear from Him? In this week’s sermon, we heard four practical ways that God still speaks today. The first is through people. It’s crazy to think about the fact that God will use imperfect people to get his message to the world, but it’s true. God will speak through other people to get through to us, and he will speak through us to get to other people!

Do you have anyone in your life God often speaks to you through? If so, who are they?

Do you ever feel like God has spoken through you to someone else? If so, tell the Group about it.

Doug reminded us this week that God also speaks through pain, promptings, and proximity. If you want to hear the voice of God, you have to learn to get close to Him. The whole point of learning to hear from God has very little to do with the things God is saying and a lot to do with the relationship we are building with God along the way.

As a Group, take some time to reflect on this quote from Mark Batterson:

“When someone speaks in a whisper, you have to get very close to hear... We lean toward a whisper, and that’s what God wants. The goal of hearing the Heavenly Father’s voice isn’t just hearing His voice; it’s intimacy with Him. That’s why He speaks in a whisper. He wants to be as close to us as divinely possible! He loves us, likes us, that much.”

What stuck out to you about that quote? What do you think Mark is trying to communicate to us?

God loves you, but He also likes you! That can be difficult for some people to believe. Do you believe that is true about you?

M O V E

Read James 1:19-27

Why is it so important that we actively live out what God’s Word says rather than just merely listening?

Reflect back on Doug’s message this past Sunday. What is the key difference in our lives when we respond to God’s Word?

The apostle James, Jesus’s half-brother, dedicated an entire passage in the epistle he wrote to outline the difference between listening and actually practicing what the Word teaches us. “But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it-not forgetting what they have heard but doing it- they will be blessed in what they do” (verse 25).

This past Sunday, Doug highlighted four unique ways that God can speak to us. However, there is only one actual way that gives us the ability to hear Him, and it's not merely listening; it's responding to Him—actively living out the ways Jesus lays out to us in the Bible. Taking God at His word, literally. The goal isn't to be informed, but to be transformed. And to be transformed by Jesus we must be close in proximity to Him. And in order to bring ourselves closer to Him, we respond to Him.

When we live out what His Word says, we come into alignment with His plan and purpose for us. It is then we know what to do, allowing Him to order our steps instead of our emotions and feelings. It is then we can correctly discern the differences between right and wrong, truth and lies.

Which of the four ways in Doug's message most resonates with you in how God speaks to you?

How do you feel God is calling you closer in proximity to Him this season?

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

- Romans 1:20

