

Weekly Study

START

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

What's your favorite thing about Spring in Austin?

SHARE

Welcome back! This week our guest speaker from our Denver campus, Connor Grim, gave a necessary message on which voice we're hearing. The enemy knows how to speak our language and what parts of us to press into. However, you know who else knows how to speak our language too? God. The enemy will speak discouragement and hopelessness into you, but God's words will bring healing, hope, peace, and joy. Where and who do we run to in the face of obstacles, adversity, and tough seasons? Run to your Father who only wants to set you free.

What's one thing God says about you that you can stand on?

How does the truth about what God says about you help you face obstacles and tough seasons?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Read 2 Kings 18:26

How does this passage resonate with the message from Sunday?

What language, or way, does God speak to you?

Eliakim had requested the field commander speak in their language, Aramaic, for the sake of understanding his commands. Continuing in the next passage, much to their dismay, he chose to speak in the opposite language in hopes they'd surrender to the king of Assyria. Unlike the field commander, the enemy knows our language and will speak it in order that we believe those lies over God's truth. But who else knows our language better than the enemy? God. He actually knows our language better than we do because He created and tailored it specifically to us.

As Connor said in his message on Sunday: God's words are full of hope, peace, joy, and that language is meant to set you free. Who we listen to will dictate whether we stand or fall. The voice and words we allow to control what we think and process, will determine our freedom or captivity. Just like the story with Hezekiah and false directions from the field commander in this passage; we don't have to guess which voice or person to listen to. We just have to run to the Father.

What's one obstacle you're facing today that you need to hear more of God's voice in?

How different would your life look like if you leaned more into His voice?

MOVE

2 Kings 18:28-30

What are the most common ways the enemy speaks your language to try and knock you

down?

Where do you run when Satan gets in your face?

One of the best things we can do when struggling to decipher whether our thoughts are from Satan, God, or ourselves, is comparing them to scripture. For example, in John 10:9-10, Jesus says "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus offers us freedom while Satan seeks to bind us in our shame, so thoughts of condemnation have no ground to stand on because they don't align with scripture.

Maybe next time your mind starts going down a rabbit hole, you flip to part of scripture that always grounds you like Romans 8:1 and meditate on it, call up a friend who loves Jesus to have truth spoken over you, or go for a walk while sharing everything on your mind with God and listening to his voice. Combating lies with truth takes purposefully placed energy but what a gift we have in the Holy Spirit to guide us and what a hope we have in knowing that one day Satan will be silenced for good.

Where you run determines whether you stand or fall so we want to be intentional about reminding ourselves of what truth really is. What is one thing you can choose to run to next time Satan customizes attacks against you?

What is one habit you can form to discern God's voice over Satan's?

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

- *“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.” Psalm 25:5*