

NewSpring Church Groups Study Guide

Christmas Party — Week 2 — Hearing God's Voice

Who of us has not asked the question, “How do I know God’s will for my life?” We hear people around us saying, “God told me…” or “God said…” and we wonder why He isn’t speaking to us. Could it be that He is speaking and we are not listening? God wants to be actively engaged in every moment of our life. Shouldn’t hearing from God be normal?

- Read Jeremiah 7:23-24. Can you remember a time when you failed to listen to God and it caused you to go “backward and not forward”? Can you remember a time when God clearly spoke to you about something and despite the pressures of this earth you obeyed Him?
- When was the last time you really tried to stop and listen to God? What are you doing to actively seek God in your life?
- Read John 8:47. Are you hearing from God? Can you say that you have truly invited Jesus into a relationship with you? If not, what is keeping you from doing that?
- How is God using scripture to speak to you and change you?
- What distractions keep you from hearing God clearly?
- When do you feel closest to God? In what circumstances do you usually hear from him?
- Does it ever feel like God wants to keep His will a secret from you? What do you do during dry times to reconnect with God?
- Sometimes we say we can’t hear God, when really what we mean is that we don’t want to obey. What has God been teaching you lately? What kind of change is he asking you to make in your attitude and actions?

Hebrews 11:6 says, “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Acts 17:27 says, “God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.”

Deuteronomy 4:29 says, “But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Are you aggressively seeking after God? Have you invited him into every corner of your life?