

Hearing God's Voice
Unit 2 Day 4 & 5 of "Experiencing God"
John 10

Introduction:

- Many have claimed to hear God's voice (some pretending, some being deceived, and some truly hearing God's voice)
- Does God still speak today and can we still hear Him today?
 1. We use "speak" and "hear" in an a_____ sense
 2. The Bible uses the words speak and hear in the sense of s_____ and r_____ messages
 3. Perhaps a better term may be communication – Does God still communicate and can we understand Him? How do I know when He is communicating?

God communicates to His p_____

- Jesus makes an analogy describing Himself as a s_____ and His followers as s_____ (Jn 10:27)
 1. The nature of sheep
 - a. They entrust themselves to no one but the one who e_____ that trust
 - b. They will run from s_____ (v. 5)
 - c. They k_____ the voice of their shepherd and only respond to that voice.
 2. The nature of a good shepherd
 - a. Jesus is the only one who has e_____ our trust (He laid down His life for us – verses 11,17)
 - b. Communicates to His sheep – "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me." (v. 27)
- Jesus still communicates to us today through the H_____ S_____ (Jn 16:13)
 1. The problem in communication is not with God but with us
 - a. We like c_____ like Gideon who set out a fleece (Jg 6:36-40); but how many people did fleece setting? Only _____ and so we cannot use fleece setting.
 - b. We might ask God for a s_____ but what did Jesus say about those who ask for this? (Matt 12:38,39)
 2. Assignment – try thinking of five times when God was communicating to you; write them down.

God communicates with a p_____

- The Bible is a record of God's activity, including His communication with His people. God's communication was always with a purpose and required a r_____
 1. The Book of Judges
 - a. Through the angel of the Lord, God rebuked the Israelites for their disobedience, requiring r_____
 - b. God communicated to certain persons how to d_____ the Israelites from foreign oppression
 - c. One Judge did not listen to God very well. His name was S_____ and he suffered for it (14-16)
 2. The Book of Acts
 - a. Jesus told His disciples that they would be His w_____ and were to w_____ for the Holy Spirit (1:4,8).
 - b. God communicated through the disciples in the miracle of tongues to unbelievers so these unbelievers would r_____ (2:4,11,38)
 - c. The Holy Spirit prompted Philip to talk to the Ethiopian Eunuch, requiring Philip to o_____ (8:29)
 - d. God communicated to the Antioch church for them to respond by supporting Paul and Barnabas as m_____ (13:2,3)

- e. God told Paul no harm would come to him if he stayed in Corinth to spread the gospel. God wanted Paul to s_____ (18:9)
 - f. Agabus prophesied of Paul's capture by going to Jerusalem. What was God communicating for Paul to go or not go to Jerusalem? (21:10-12)
- God also communicates with a purpose to us.
- 1. Rom 8:16 – a_____
 - 2. Rev 3:21 – His loving discipline so we will repent from s_____
 - 3. 2 Tim 3:16 – four things are communicated so we will be e_____ for every good work.

Conclusion

What voice(s) are you listening to? The voices of fear, doubt, worry, temptation, anger, bitterness, revenge? Listen to God's voice and just trust and obey!