



Empowered

Week 7: Hearing the Holy Spirit | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 4.13.2025

Opener

Do you prefer a stadium where everyone is cheering and shouting or a library or nice restaurant where people are talking softly and whispering?

Read

John 16:13-14; John 10:2-5; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Psalm 19:1-4; Acts 2:17; Acts 20:22-23; 1 Samuel 3:10;

Main Points

1. Competing voices: our own voice, voice of our family, voice of trusted friends, voice of our culture, voice of our religious upbringing, Satan's voice: his greatest tool is to deceive and he does so by disguising his voice.
2. 5 ways in which the Spirit speaks today:
 - a. The Word of God: The Spirit exalts Jesus.
 - b. The Words of God: The Spirit illuminates Scripture.
 - c. The Whispers of God: The Spirit impresses thoughts and imagination.
 - d. The Wonders of God: The Spirit speaks through creation, visions, dreams, and prophecy.
 - e. The Wishes of God: The Spirit compels us with his desires.
3. We are told to pray without ceasing because God is willing to speak without ceasing.

Engage with God in a Group

- What has been your experience with "listening" to the Spirit?
- When have you felt convinced that you heard the Spirit in your life?
- Of the 5 ways the Spirit speaks covered in this message, which ones resonate the most with your experiences?
- How would you describe your current stance: totally open to what the Spirit says and leads in your life or hesitant to do what he's leading you to do?
- What do you think God is wanting to do in and through us, at Bent Tree, for our community?
- What do you think God wants to do in and through you for those in your sphere of influence?

Bottom Line

The Spirit is always speaking, but are we willing to listen?