



VOICES

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDES

VOICES: LISTENING TO GOD

Exodus 33:7-23

Scott Dudley reminded us that God is speaking to us and around us all the time, the question is: Are you listening? Some might struggle with this and wonder why they seem unable to discern the voice of God or experience His presence in their life. In order to address this Scott unpacked the story of Moses meeting with God regularly to speak and listen to Him.

In order to grow in hearing the voice of God, Scott shared from Moses' experience that we need to: 1) Want it. Some of us want the gifts or blessings of God but not the presence of God. Do you want him? Tell him that. Ask him, like Moses, to "Show me your glory." 2) Release your grip on your idols. The things you think about most, spend your time and energy on, and worry most about losing, are your idols. If your mind and heart is consumed with something or someone else, you will have very little space to hear and experience God. 3) Make time and space to meet with God regularly to learn to hear from him from the Scriptures and in listening prayer. Are you taking time daily to read the Bible, His words to us, and listen in prayer for his voice? 4) Learn to recognize the difference between God's voice and the competing voices of culture, the devil and even the lies you have believed. Always check what you hear to make sure it aligns with Scripture and share it in community to allow others to speak into your life as well.

DISCOVER

Read Exodus 33:7-23

According to this passage:

1. What is God like?
2. How does God speak to or reveal himself?
3. How might this shape how we engage in listening to God or seeking him?

NURTURE

1. In what ways do you struggle to listen to God or seek his presence?
2. Why do you believe you struggle with that?
3. What do you believe God is leading you to repent of or change to make space for his voice in your life?

ACT

1. In light of your personal struggle and what Scott laid out as next steps, what do you believe God is leading you to do? NOTE: You might want to set aside 5-10 minutes of silence to ask God to speak to you about this.
2. Scott challenge the members of Doxa to spend every day in July asking God to show us His glory and speak to us. Then, he called us to expect God to show himself to us in the normal, everyday stuff of life. How will we make ourselves open to this and when will we share with each other what God did?
3. Who in your life needs to hear from God? Take some time to pray together that God will both speak to each of you as well as those in your life who need him to speak to them as well.