

The Miracle of the Message

Hebrews 1:1-3

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things” - Heb. 1:1-2

Main Point: God has always taken the time to communicate with His people. Are you listening?

Introduction: Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

Why do you think God designed humans with an innate need to communicate? What does this design communicate about the nature and desire of God?

How does our belief that God has spoken affect our view of Scripture? The world we live in? Our day-to-day behavior?

Have a Volunteer Read Hebrews 1:1-3.

Speaking is God’s M.O. “God spoke ...” and “God said ...” are common sayings in Scripture. But have you ever stopped to consider the amazing reality behind them? We worship a God who speaks. When we read the Bible and see that God spoke, we know it wasn’t just a past action—God speaking is a present reality. The one true God desires to be in relationship with us. God is present in our lives and continues to speak through Scripture and the context of our lives in Christian community.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HISTORY (v.1)

According to this verse, how did God reveal himself to us in the past? Where do we find a record of this?

Just a few prophecies God spoke about Jesus include **Exodus 12** telling us the Messiah would be the Passover Lamb. **Psalms 16** said the Messiah would be resurrected. **Isaiah 7:14** said Jesus would be born of a virgin. Read a few more in **Micah 5:2**, **Hosea 11:1**, **Isaiah 40:3-5**, and **Psalms 35:11** and discuss their meaning and fulfillment.

There were many other ways God spoke whether through a burning bush, a still quiet voice, or even a donkey. Do you understand the message of God throughout history? How does it still apply today?

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH JESUS. (v.2)

How has God revealed Himself in Jesus Christ? How is Jesus described? Read **Philippians 2:9-11**, **John 1:14**, and **1 Corinthians 8:6** for more descriptions of Jesus.

Colossians 1:15-17 tells us, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...all things were created through him and for him. How is Jesus the fullest revelation of who God is and ultimately the perfect spokesperson for God the Father?

What words of Jesus have spoken into your life personally as a message from the Lord?

GOD SPEAKS TO US FOR TRANSFORMATION. (v.3)

God gave us Jesus to be the human reflection of who He is and the exact expression of His nature. In other words, the personal imprint of God. How has Jesus’ imprint been placed on your life?

How does personal transformation begin if we are to dwell with the Father? Have you taken the first step yourself? Read **Romans 12:1-2** for insight.

This verse tells us that “after making purification for sins” Jesus sat in Majesty. Why do so many put the burden of purification on themselves before becoming a Christian? In other words, why do buy into the idea that we must “clean up” or “straighten up” our lives before transformation in Christ can happen?

Pray:

As you close your time together pray that God would speak to you this Christmas season. Ask Him to open your heart to hear the message He has for you and your family. Follow His leading and know that transformation happens when we rest in Him and His promises, not in anything we can do, but only through His power and presence in your life. Pray for those who have not heard the transforming message of the gospel and for those who have hardened their hearts to God. Ask that the Holy Spirit would soften their hearts to hear the Word anew.

Connect:

How will you respond to the Miracle of Christmas and the message that has been proclaimed? Consider getting involved in ministry this Christmas season to help others. Be the light of the world and bring transformation to your community and your heart. Allow God to speak through YOU!