



Journey Church
Samuel | 1 Samuel 3:1-21
August 2, 2026

The Backstory:

1 Samuel 2:12-26

Despite dark circumstances, God is not done!

1 Samuel 3:3

God hears those who cry out, and he speaks to those who will listen.

Psalm 139:1-18; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Revelation 3:20

How to hear when God speaks:

1 Samuel 3:9

- **Be available.** *"Go and lie down"*
James 1:5, 4:14-16; Psalm 46:10
- **Don't be presumptuous.** *"If He calls you"*
1 John 4:1; John 16:13-15
- **Be willing to respond.** *"Speak, Lord"*
John 10:4-5,27; Matthew 6:33
- **Be a humble servant.** *"Your servant is listening."*
Jeremiah 17:9-10; Proverbs 3:5-6

Small Group Questions:

1. How does knowing that God wants a relationship with you change the way you think about listening for his voice?
2. Samuel didn't recognize God's voice at first. Have there been times when you realized later that God had been speaking or leading you, but you didn't recognize it in the moment?
3. What distractions most often keep you from slowing down enough to listen to God?

Be Intentional:

What is one specific habit you could begin this week that would help you become more available to hear from God

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.