

## Listening for God Week 2: "How to Grow Ears"

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### Sermon Notes

5 Ways to Grow Ears:

- 1) Adjust my Attitude: Do I need to hear from God? (Matt. 4:4, Isaiah 30:9-11, Isaiah 30:21)
- 2) Examine Myself: Am I committed to following Jesus today? (2 Cor. 13:5, John 14:25-26, Hebrews 4:12)
- 3) Confess Sin: Is there any sin I need to confess? (Mark 1:1-5)
- 4) Reduce distractions: What might be drowning out God's voice? (Psalm 46:10, Luke 5:15-16, Matt. 6:5-6)
- 5) Expect the Unexpected: Am I expecting God to speak to me? (John 16:12-13)

### Discussion Questions:

1. What's the longest you have ever gone without eating? What's the longest you have gone without reading the Bible (after you became a Christian)?
2. Do you think that Matthew 4:4 is an exaggeration, or not? Why does it feel like we can live just fine without God's Word in our daily lives?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 13:5, are you "in the faith"? Do you have the Holy Spirit within you? How do you know?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-6. One of the works of the Holy Spirit is to convict us of sin, help us to confess and repent, and lead us into joy in God's presence. How do you tell the difference between the Holy Spirit's voice of conviction, and the enemy's voice of condemnation?
5. What would you say are your Top 3 Distractions that could keep you from having a daily quiet time with God? (Remember that distractions are not necessarily bad things. Good things can distract us, too, like work and family.) How can you reduce or work around those distractions?
6. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10. Has God ever spoken to you in an unexpected way or at an unexpected time? What did you learn from that experience?
7. Pray together for a greater hunger for God's word, and for ears to hear Him speak!