

● **WITHDRAW TO BE WITH GOD**

"I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost." Habakkuk 2:1a NLT

"Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."
Luke 5:16 NIV

● **WAIT FOR GOD TO SPEAK**

"There I will wait to see what the Lord says, and how He will answer my complaint." Habakkuk 2:1b NLT

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."
Psalm 46:10-11 NIV

QUIETLY Psalm 62:5

PATIENTLY Psalm 37:7

EXPECTANTLY Psalm 130:5

● **WORSHIP GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS**

"This prayer was sung by the prophet Habakkuk: I have heard all about You, Lord. I am filled with awe by Your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as You did in years gone by." Habakkuk 3:1-2 NLT

Jesus — "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you." John 15:15 NIV

10 WAYS WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE

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| The Bible | Biblical Teaching | Worship Songs |
| Prayer | Circumstances | Holy Spirit |
| Nature | Christian Books | Christian Art |
| | Godly Friends/Family | |

Next Week: **WHY IS THERE SO MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING?**



HOW CAN I HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

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God — "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

BARRIERS TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE

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BUSYNESS

DISTRACTIONS

UNPREPARED HEART

"A third time the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" 1 Samuel 3:8-10 NIV

Jesus — "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."
Luke 8:8b NIV

HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

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This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to understand how I can hear God's voice.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: Is there a particular voice that you really like—maybe singer, or someone with a speaking voice that appeals to you? What do you like about it?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. Sunday's message addressed the question of how we can hear God's voice. What insights, principles, or thoughts were helpful for you? What questions do you still have?
2. As we start out, let's think about this question: Do you think God wants to communicate with us? What does John 10:27-28 say? See Revelation 3:20.
3. Jesus told a parable in Luke 8:4-15. What can we learn from this about hearing God's voice?

4. When we receive Christ and become His disciple, we receive the Holy Spirit. What do these verses say about the Holy Spirit speaking to us? John 16:12-14; John 14:26

5. God can speak to us through His word – Hebrews 4:12

God speaks through nature – Romans 1:18-20.

He speaks through other believers – Acts 9:10-17

God speaks through a still small voice – 1 Samuel 3:1-10.

What are some ways God has communicated to you?

BLESS others:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. As we practice encouraging one another in faith, how is this a way that God speaks to us?

BUILD God's Kingdom:

Jesus called us to go and share the gospel with others. Let's read Acts 8:26-35. Because Philip was available, God used him to share Jesus. How can we make ourselves available to God in this way?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

What do you sense God inviting you to do in response to this study? What is a small next step that you can take?

PRAYER: What is a challenge you are facing this week? How can we pray and support you?

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