



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *How Does God Speak to us?*

Service Date: January 21, 2024

Text: Hebrews 1:1-3

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- In your Formation Journal, you are asked to write one thing each day at the top of the page in which you are thankful. Looking back upon this past week, what was the biggest thing in which you are thankful?
- In your own life, when are the times when you feel as though you hear God speak the "loudest"? Why is this?

Sermon Discussion

- Paul reviewed a number of methods God used to speak to various people. Why did/does God choose to communicate with people in different ways?
- Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." If we took these words and applied them to everyday life (consulting Scripture, praying regularly, listening to God), what do you envision would be the outcome for you personally? What about in your community?
- The sermon shared a story of a woman whose life was saved by God's Word being shared. How have you seen God's word change your life and/or the lives of those around (you)?
- Have you or someone you knew made a major decision without speaking with God (prayer, consulting Scripture, fasting, etc.)? How did that change your/that individual's life when it comes to consulting God more?
- Do you find that your prayer life is more about A) Making plan and asking God to guide them or B) Asking He provides a clear plan and then you are obedient?

- What might keep you from really wanting to hear what God wants to say to you?
- Prayer is a vital part of us connecting with God, allowing us to be in communication with Him. What is more challenging for you: Speaking to God or listening to Him?
- Distractions are constant in our lives, from technology to family matters to work and more. So much so that it can completely drown out what God is trying to say to us. What do you intentionally do, or could start doing this week, to make space and time to hear God more on a regular basis a priority instead of just an afterthought? (Additional prayer? Scripture reading? Seeking counsel? Something else?)
- From the Rooted study, here's a method to use if you're feeling overwhelmed with where to start when you pray.

Praise: Thank God for the goodness in your life

Repent: Confess your sin to Him

Ask: Ask for the things that are on your mind or prayer list

Yield: Quiet yourself after you've spoken with God and listen for what He might say

Resources

Book- *Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God* by Mark Batterson

Book- *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is "Stories of Life Change". Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.