

HEARING GOD (INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY)

(From Appendix II of Establishing Foundations)

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What is your favorite song right now?
- What's the best book you've read recently?

INTRODUCTION

God is a living God. He speaks to his people in two ways – two forms of revelation. First, he speaks to us in the world he has made. By observing the universe and ourselves within it, we can learn true things about God (Psalm 19, Romans 1:18-23). This is called “general revelation” because it’s available to everyone. The second way God speaks is through speech– his word to us. God has spoken most clearly and authoritatively through Scripture. So, if we want to hear God, we must learn to read and listen to the Bible. From solid, biblical study and interpretation we learn how to hear God speak to us through his Spirit.

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DISCUSSION

For this week, pick a passage from one of the exercises and walk through inductive Bible study together.

- Pick which exercise you're going to walk through: John 3:1-15, John 3:16-21, Romans 5:1-11, Psalm 1, or a passage of your choosing.
- Answer Study Questions 1-5 together from that exercise. Manage your time carefully here. Your goal is to help everyone understand how inductive Bible study works, but you will not have time to unearth every detail of the passage in this moment!

APPLICATION

- What was it like to study the Bible in this way? How is this similar or different to how you usually study the Bible?
- What is one way this will change your approach to Scripture going forward?

PRAYER

Ask the Lord to continue to teach you as a group how to study his word effectively, truthfully, and transformationally.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next week, we are discussing Chapter 1: Creation & Corruption! Remind the group of any steps you are taking this week to encourage one another as you work through this content individually.