

Sermon Title: When God Speaks- The God Who Speaks

Sermon Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 10:27



Sermon Discussion Guide (5/10)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In verse 1, why do you think there were not many people receiving visions? What is the importance of this verse in relation to the rest of the passage?

Why does God call Samuel three times? What does God's calling three times reveal to us about His character?

Once Samuel realizes God is speaking to him, what posture does he take towards God? In other words, how does Samuel prepare to receive the words that God will speak to him?

Read John 10:27. What does this verse reveal to us about what characterizes Christians (the sheep)?

Application

In your life where would you currently rate your comfort with hearing God's voice? Have you ever personally heard God speak to you? What doubts, fears, or questions do you have about the idea of personally hearing from God?

Spiritual dullness doesn't typically happen all at once. Rather, it reflects a gradual progression of allowing other voices to speak louder than God's voice. What other voices are in your life? How might you be allowing these voices to speak louder than God's voice?

We see God's grace in the ways that He continues calling on Samuel. Sometimes, God calls us through holy discontent, Scripture, prayer, or a trusted friend. Right now in your life, has God spoken a similar message to you multiple times or in multiple ways? If so, what has that message been? Why do you think you might be reluctant to hear and act upon it?

The purpose of hearing God's voice is to act on it so that God can transform us. Ask yourself: Am I not only willing to hear God, but to obey Him no matter what words He speaks to me? What do you think God might be saying to you through your answer to this question? How might God be calling you into a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him?

Prayer

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. [Then, take 5 minutes of silence to listen for God's voice.]