



Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

Message Info: Same You: Piper Down & Listen, 2/12/23 - Life pulls us in so many directions. There's no shortage of voices, opinions, and expectations. In all the noise, it can be hard to pinpoint what's really important. But if we slow down, quiet down, and listen for God, we find He is not only with us, but speaking to us too. (*Passages: 1 Samuel 3:1-11, Mark 4:23, Deuteronomy 30:11-14, John 10:3-5, Romans 10:17, Proverbs 8:34, Isaiah 55:1-3*)

Discussion Questions: Take your time and dig into these questions.

Have you ever had difficulty hearing God? Knowing what to do at a crossroads? Or found yourself wishing God would physically appear and give you all the answers? How do you move forward?

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-11. What stands out to you about this passage. Why?

Being in the right space (intentionally present), having the right heart posture (humble and open), and expecting God to speak (knowing God cares) make all the difference between hearing and listening. Do you struggle with any of these? Why?

Samuel finally identified God's voice and responded. But he didn't get there on his own; he had help from Eli. Recall a time someone offered you guidance or encouragement. How did it make a difference? How can we be prepared to give Godly guidance?

The following principles will help you practice listening for God:

1. God isn't playing hide & seek. Make space and turn down the volume on everything else. Spend quiet time with Him. Even if it's just 2 minutes each day. What is God reminding us of in Deuteronomy 30:11-14 and John 10:3-5?
2. Hearing is how faith grows (Romans 10:17). Listen to what God says about Jesus, follow His life. If you're struggling with faith, the solution is getting into the Word.
3. Listening to God is key to your life and purpose. Read Proverbs 8:34 and Isaiah 55:1-3. What is God saying in these passages? Does He promise anything?

Group Challenge: Test these principles over the next week. Discuss the impact they made at your next meeting.