



Hearing From God: God Is That Really You? // Jeff Brodie - April 26, 2020

Tips for Participating in Online Discussions:

- Turn on all the lights in your room.
- Mute yourself when you're listening to others.
- Use people's names a lot to draw each other in.
- Put your camera at eye level.
- Speak a little louder than normal.

Message Recap: You get a gut feeling, you hear a whisper, you feel a desire come up in your soul...is that God speaking to you? How do you know it's not just your own voice? Or maybe you pray and pray and never hear anything. Does that mean God doesn't have anything to say about your life? We looked at how to start a practical approach to discerning whether God is really speaking to you and how you can know that God is speaking into your life. This week we looked specifically at how to engage scripture. Will you get ready for the next step in hearing from God and discerning whether He is speaking to you?

Scripture: [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#), [Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

Bottom Line: Read scripture to recognize God's voice.

Getting Started:

1. Growing up, was there a Bible in your home? Was there someone in your family who read it?
2. Would you say that you have heard God's voice before? What was the experience like? How did you know it was Him?
3. Jeff shared that becoming familiar with scripture is becoming familiar with God's voice, to be able to recognize it. Has there been a time in your life that you

would say you've felt more connected to scripture? Can you share what it was like?

Jumping In:

4. Did you find a whispering spot last week? Have you tried the 5/10/5 challenge this week? If you find it helpful, what has worked for you? If you find it challenging, which part is more difficult, the solitude or reading scripture?

Discuss:

5. Read [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#). As you look at the passage it outlines some specifics around how God uses scripture in our lives. When you look at the list (feel free to pick them out), what is the one that is most helpful to you?
6. Is there anything in this passage that you find challenging?
7. Read [Hebrews 4:12-13](#). This passage talks about how scripture can speak right to our hearts. Jeff said one of the things about the Bible is that we allow it to read us. How does it make you feel when you consider allowing scripture "to read you"? To be an active and living thing to read? Why do you think you respond in that way?
8. In the interview, Dan shared a number of tips for engaging scripture. What tip stood out to you?

Try it out:

Dan shared these 3 questions as an approach to any passage:

- What does it reveal about who God is?
- What does it identify about people?
- How should what I am learning change my life today?

As a group feel free to try these out questions out with Psalm 119:105-112

Remember: It won't always be easy, but going to your "whispering spot" to read scripture regularly shows God that you have a heart that's ready to listen.

Moving Forward:

Next week Jeff will be talking about the role of the Holy Spirit. When you are in your whispering spot this week, when you are in solitude or are reading Scripture, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you.