



Hearing From God: How do regular people experience God? // Jeff Brodie - May 3, 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: When people say they hear from God, it can often feel like something foreign or even a bit odd. Do regular people hear from God? Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He have to do with hearing God speak? In this week's message, we looked at the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives - specifically how the Holy Spirit can help us to hear God's voice in our lives. Let's continue the journey of using this time to hear God's voice more clearly than ever before.

Scripture: [John 14:16-17, 25-29](#); [John 16:14](#)

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit spotlights where Jesus is speaking.

Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday?
2. What are the first words or reactions that come to mind when you hear someone talk about the Holy Spirit? Why might you have those reactions or words specifically?
3. Have you ever experienced someone who might have fallen on the side of 'bible idolatry'? What about someone who might have been 'spiritually adrift'? What was that like?

4. Jeff shared that the Holy Spirit makes the truth of Jesus real in your life. Has there been a time that you've ever felt like you've experienced the Holy Spirit leading you to be more like Jesus? Can you share what it was like?

Jumping In:

5. Did you try the 5/10/5 challenge last week? What was helpful or difficult about that? How do you think your 5/10/5 experience might change if you take the time to invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you before you begin your 20 minutes this week?
6. Promptings, open doors and signs, a change in desire, and dreams were all listed as ways that the Holy Spirit speaks to us. Have you ever had one of these experiences? How did you know it was the Holy Spirit? Or did you know it was the Holy Spirit?

Discuss:

7. Read [John 14:16-17](#). In this passage, Jesus is telling us about the Holy Spirit and what he is like. When you think about Jesus' description of the Holy Spirit (advocate), how does that impact what you know about the Holy Spirit?
8. Continue reading [John 14: 25-29](#). This passage shares more from Jesus about what the role of the Holy Spirit is in our lives. What does this passage tell us about the things we might hear from the Holy Spirit as he leads us?
9. Jeff showed us that when the two circles, Possibility (Holy Spirit) and Practice (Reading your Bible) overlap, they position us to hear the voice of God more clearly. How does this help you to better hear the voice of God in your life?

Try it out:

As a group, invite the Holy Spirit into your time of prayer before you close. Simply close your eyes, open your hands, and say "Come Holy Spirit".

Remember: God has gifted us with the Holy Spirit as an advocate and guide. The Holy Spirit speaks what Jesus wants to share with you.

Bonus:

The Holy Spirit changes our desires, both our passions and our behaviours. Read [Galatians 5:13-26](#) to see how Paul explains more about "life with the Spirit". How would you summarize this passage?

Moving Forward:

Next week Jeff will be talking about the third and final circle. With this circle added it will become even clearer how we can hear the voice of God in the midst of the important relationships and big decisions in our lives.