



Hearing From God: Can God use people to speak into your life? // Jeff Brodie - May 10, 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: Who are the people you give access to speak into your life? Are they wise or foolish people? The more you allow wise, godly people to speak into the hidden parts of your life, the more you will grow but this requires humility. Wise people hear the truth, then make a change. Wise people want you to hear from God.

Scripture: [Proverbs 13:20](#); [Proverbs 15:31-33](#)

Bottom Line: Access God's voice by giving access to godly people.

Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday?
2. When you think of the primary people who speak into your life, who do you think of? What have you learned from them? If you don't have people who speak into your life, why is that?

Jumping In:

3. Read [Proverbs 13:20](#). Why do you think you gravitate towards people who tell you what you want to hear instead of what you need to hear? Why are we

tempted to go to people for advice, but hope that they tell us what we want to hear?

4. Look at the Johari window below as a reference. Which windows below are you more or less likely to invite foolish people or wise people into?



5. In the message Jeff said, “The more you allow people to speak into the hidden parts of your life, the more you will grow.” It’s one thing to ask someone to speak into your life, and another to ask someone to speak into the *hidden* parts of your life. How does that make you feel? Why does it stir up that emotion?

Discuss:

6. Read [Proverbs 15:31-33](#). Is there anything in this passage that stands out, surprises you, frustrates you, encourages you?
7. How do you feel when you hear constructive criticism? (Or any criticism for that matter.) What are some ways you have received feedback in the past that has helped you grow? How do you like to receive feedback? How do you choose to give it when someone asks?
8. Jeff showed us that when the three circles, **Possibility** (Holy Spirit), **Practice** (Reading your Bible, praying scripture etc.) and **People** (Wisdom) overlap, they position us to hear the voice of God more clearly. Through which circle do you find it easiest to hear from God? Which do you find the most challenging when you look to hear the voice of God? How does this framework help you to better hear the voice of God in your life?

Try it out:

Think of someone you could connect with online or over the phone this week who you would consider wise. Consider how you could give them access to your life and give them permission to share their wisdom with you.



Remember: God wants us to walk with the wise but it's choosing humility and giving permission to Godly people to speak into your life that helps you grow.

Moving Forward: Next week we kick off a brand new series with Carey Nieuwhof called 'The Rise of the New Normal'. Consider who you can invite to watch online and spend time praying for each group member and invitee.