

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion

Sermon Series: *Lord, teach us to pray*

Sermon Title: Listen for the Shepherd

Passage: Romans 8:5-17; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Hebrews 1:1-2

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Message # 8

Think about it

- How important is listening in a relationship? Why?
- What makes listening so difficult to do?
- Where do people you know go to find good counsel?
- If you knew God were speaking to you, would you listen to Him?

Examine it

Romans 8:5-17

- What's the difference between those who live according to the sinful nature and those who live according to the Spirit?
- What will God do for those in Christ? (vs. 11)

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- Where did the message Paul spoke come from? How does he describe it?
- What does the Spirit do for believers?
- Why can't an unbeliever understand the things of God?

Hebrews 1:1-2

- How has God spoken to people in the past? (i.e. Old Testament times)
- In "these last days" how has God spoken to believers?

Discuss it

- What does it mean to be led by God's Spirit?
- How does God speak to us?
- What role do the following have in God speaking to us?
(His Son, His Spirit, His Word; the church; our friends; circumstances; other?)
- How might we confuse, misunderstand, or miss all together what God says?
- How can we be sure of what God speaks to us?
- What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 have to do with listening to God?
- How can we know we've heard from God?
- What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?

Live it out

- How often do you do things because you have "heard from God" on the matter?
- Is there anything /situation that you need to hear from God on right now? If so, what thing(s)?
How might you be helped to do so?
- Do you think in general you are sensitive to what God is saying to you, or you are pretty dull of hearing, or somewhere in between? What makes you say that?
- If you need to listen to God better, what can you do about that? What will help you learn to do so?
- How important is it in your life that you hear from God? Why is that?

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 8:43; 10:14, 27; Revelation 3:20

Next week's passage: James 4:1-10; Matthew 5:3-8