He Promises—2 Hearing God's Voice

"The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3... and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4... and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." John 10:2-4 NIV

How to Hear God's Voice

1. Ask God to speak to you.

... Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, '<u>Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening</u>.'" ... 1 Samuel 3:8-9

2. Listen to what He says.

"Call to me and I will answer you ..." Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21 NIV

3. Do what He tells you to do.

[Jesus] replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Luke 11:28 NIV

- ... "Be still, and know that I am God ..." Psalm 46:10 NIV
- ... And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 1 Kings 19:12 NIV

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. <u>If anyone hears my voice</u> and <u>opens the door</u>, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Revelation 3:20 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **John 10:2-4**. What are some ways people might hear from God and what does it look like to recognize His voice?

Share about a time when you heard from God. How did you respond? What did you learn from that experience?

Has God called you to do something that you are putting off or avoiding? How might you or those around you be positively affected by your obedience?

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