

## Follow Me: Discernment

John 10:1-6 ESV

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### Q: How do we discern God's voice in a world of deception, distraction and confusion?

<sup>1</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. – John 10:1 ESV

#### 1. We first recognize and \_\_\_\_\_ who we are following. (John 10:1)

<sup>8</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, – Ezekiel 34:8 ESV

Live it out!

Q: What "shepherd" calls me first thing in the morning? Who or what influences my thinking/decisions the most? What deception do I need to stop listening to?

<sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. – John 10:2-4 ESV

#### 2. We \_\_\_\_\_ what we hear against God's unchanging truth. (John 10:2-4)

How does God speak to us?		
Through...	Examples	Scriptures
<b>Bible / Scripture</b>	General reading, Personal devotionals	John 6:63, 16:13-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12
<b>Holy Spirit Prompting</b>	"low whisper", prayer, silence, solitude	1 Kings 19:12; Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 30:21, Luke 5:16
<b>Spoken through others</b>	Godly Counsel, people, strangers	Proverbs 11:14, 19:20-21; 1 Samuel 25:23-35
<b>Dreams / Vision</b>	Dreams / visions that you sense are from God	Genesis 15:1, 37:5-9; Matthew 1:20, 2:12; Acts 16:9; Joel 2:28
<b>Circumstances</b>	Conditions around you / where you're at	Genesis 50:20; 1 Kings 3:5; Proverbs 16:9; Jonah 1:4, 17, 4:7-11; Ruth 2:3
<b>Research</b>	Specific study around a topic	Psalm 118:105; Daniel 9:2; Acts 17:11; James 1:5

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Q: Where is God's voice leading me today? Who is a Godly voice / counsel in my life? What thought do I need to test against God's word / truth?

<sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. – John 10:5-6 ESV

#### 3. We \_\_\_\_\_ ungodly influences and destructive voices around us. (John 10:5-6)

<sup>3</sup> For *the* time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, - 2 Timothy 4:3 NASB

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Q: What outside influences do I need to reevaluate, and turn from? What destructive thought/voice do I need to replace with God's truth? Do my thoughts bring me towards life, truth and love, or into a despair, division and destruction?