

Group Questions – Joshua 9 – Voice Recognition

****Begin by playing this little game...**

Have half the group close their eyes

Secretly select 1 person from the group with their eyes open to say this...

“Hello! I’m so glad you came to group tonight.”

Then have the people with their eyes closed guess who it was that spoke

****Play this game as long as you feel like the people are enjoying it**

How well did you do at guessing the person based on their voice?

What makes it possible for us to recognize a person based only on their voice?

Read – John 10:27

What do you think Jesus meant by saying His sheep hear His voice?

Do you think every Christian can hear the voice of God?

Share your experience of how you hear God’s voice in your life?

Read – Joshua 9:1-15

Why do you think Joshua and the leaders did not seek God's counsel?

Pastor Nate shared that many people are led by their “gut” or their “heart”.

Why is it dangerous for us to make decisions based on our “gut” or “heart”?

Are there any decisions we make that we should not seek God's counsel?

How do you know if you are being led by God, by yourself, or by Satan?

How does the game played earlier relate to knowing God’s voice?

Pastor Nate shared 4 ways to help us be led by God's voice.

- 1) Read the bible (God's word)
- 2) Pray
- 3) Pay attention to circumstances (open doors or closed doors)
- 4) Seek godly counsel

How does READING THE BIBLE help us to hear God's voice?

How does PRAYING help us to hear God's voice?

How does WATCHING CIRCUMSTANCES help us to hear God's voice?

How does SEEKING GODLY COUNSEL help us to hear God's voice?

Of those 4 things, which one do you struggle the most to do?

Read – 1 John 5:19

Considering this verse, why should we not listen to what the world tells us?

Why is it difficult to tune out the voice of the world?

Pastor Nate shared an example of a sponge soaking up whatever it comes in contact with. Then, when squeezed, whatever it soaked up, is what comes out.

How does this example relate to listening to the world vs. listening to God?

If you don't like what comes out of you when you get "squeezed" what should you do to change things?

Close in prayer asking God to help you hear His voice more in your life.