

Working The Word – Midweek Lesson 3

Positioning Ourselves to Receive Expansion Enlargement And Increase

Central Question: *Who are you listening to?*

Have you prayed about that, really?

Increase doesn't come by accident — it comes by instruction.

We must position ourselves to hear God clearly and obey Him consistently.

Foundation Scriptures

Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

"Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinity beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes."

Isaiah 54:2–3 (NKJV)

"Enlarge the place of your tent... Lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left..."

Power point:

God is ready to expand us — but we must be ready to hear and follow His voice.

Part 1 — Why Hearing God Matters

Every major breakthrough in the Bible came because someone heard God and obeyed.

Adam.

Abraham.

Moses.

Joshua.

David.

Hannah.

Mary.

Peter.

Paul.

Their prosperity was not luck — it was the result of obedience to divine instruction.

Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV)

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land."

Isaiah 1:19 (TLB)

"If you will only let me help you, if you will only obey, then I will make you rich!"

Key Lifestyle Questions We Must Address:

What is God speaking to you concerning:

- Your children
- Your marriage
- Your health
- Your finances
- Your career
- Your ministry
- Major life decisions

Expansion follows direction.

Who you listen to is major.

Part 2 — Who are you listening to?

We live in a world full of voices, but not every voice leads to increase

- Feelings
- Opinions
- Friends
- Family
- Social media
- News
- Culture

Power point:

The voices you listen to most will shape the life you live.

Why does a baby know its mother's voice AND You know the difference between a train and a plane?
Familiarity. relationship. repetition.

God's voice becomes recognizable when you walk with Him consistently.

John 10:27 (NKJV)

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

God is always speaking — but only the familiar can recognize His voice.

Part 3 — God is still speaking today

God has always wanted fellowship. After Adam sinned, God went looking for him — not to punish him, but to restore him. God is still seeking the lost today.

Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

How Is God Seeking the Lost Today?

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

"So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us."

Major Truth:

God speaks today through His people (the Body of Christ).

Romans 10:14-15 ERV

Before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. 15 And before anyone can go and tell them, they must be sent.

Part 4 — Two kinds of people (5 minutes)**1. Unrighteous (Spiritually Dead)**

Unsaved

Separated from God

Still carrying sin

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Key truth:

- People go to hell not because they sinned — but because they rejected Jesus who paid for their sin.

2. Righteous (Born Again)**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)**

“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

They:

- Are forgiven
- Are new creations
- Have the Holy Spirit
- Can hear God
- Can be led by God

Salvation Call Question

Have you heard His voice calling you to come home?

Romans 10:9–10, 13 (NirV)

“Say with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord.’ Believe in your heart... Then you will be saved...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Discussion Questions

1. What voices influence your decisions the most right now?
2. When was a time God spoke to you clearly and you obeyed?
3. What area of your life needs clearer direction from God?

4. What helps you recognize God's voice more easily?
5. How can you create more space to hear God daily?

Working The Word Steps (Application)

This Week:

- Create Quiet Time Daily

At least 10 minutes of listening prayer and Scripture.

- Ask God One Clear Question
 - About a specific decision I need direction on.
 - Write What I Sense God Saying
 - In a journal or notes.
 - Obey One Instruction Promptly - even if it feels uncomfortable.
 - Limit Competing Voices
- Reduce media, noise, and distractions that block God's voice.

Faith Declaration

Father, I position myself to hear You clearly. I quiet every competing voice. I choose to follow Your instructions. I declare that 2026 is my year of expansion, enlargement, and increase. In Jesus' name, Amen.