

UNMUTE, PART 1: DOES GOD STILL SPEAK?

So many times we feel like God's up there and we're down here. Yet, the Bible teaches us that God wants to lead us, teach us, help us, and be with us. Does God intend to have a living, active, interactive, personal, and vibrant relationship with us?

BIG IDEA: God speaks, but we don't always listen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever wondered, is God really speaking? Or is that just kind of religious talk or spiritual talk? What comes to mind when you think about hearing God's voice?
- 2. Have you thought God only speaks to a select few? If so, why? What does God's Word say about this?
- 3. According to Job 33:14, God speaks in different ways. What are some ways that God has spoken to you?
- 4. What can hinder us hearing from God?
- 5. Read Galatians 5:16, 25. How does hearing God's voice allow us to walk in the Spirit?
- 6. In the message Carlo said, "God does speak, but we don't always listen." He went on to say that God speaks "By His word and Spirit, in the context of community, through intentional conversation, and for His purpose and plan. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Moving Forward

The Bible says that God speaks all the time, but people fail to perceive it (Job 33:14). That means YOU; He is talking to YOU. It all goes back to learning to "hear" or perceive what He is saying to you. Hearing through your natural ears is easy and takes no training at all, but learning to hear with your spiritual ear is a skill that everyone can learn. What steps can you take this week to better hear from God?

Changing Your Mind

For God speaks again and again though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in their beds. He whispers in their ears and terrifies them with warnings. He makes them turn from doing wrong; he keeps them from pride. He protects them from the grave, from crossing over the river of death.... Job 33:14-18 NLT

