

Week 4 | LISTEN. | 12/15/2019

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Series Focus: How hearing God is the normal Christian life.

Today's Focus: Listening to God's voice for our true identity and answering if we are living in God's kingdom or the empire of this world. Saying "Yes" to the Kingdom Assignments God gives us as a result.

Supporting Passages (NIV) :

Luke 2:1-7: 2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Matthew 6:33: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7b (NIV) : "4 HEAR, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Isaiah 50:4-5: 4 The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. 5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION FOR YOU & YOUR ASC SMALL GROUP

Deuteronomy 6:6-7b : In which physical spaces or times do you find it easiest to keep God with you? Where and when is it hardest to do so? Why?

Isaiah 50:4-5: In what forms have you received God's word or instruction in the past? What gave you the courage to say yes to that instruction?

Matthew 6:33: How do you know with confidence that you belong in the Kingdom of God? How does that sense of belonging inform the things you strive for and seek after on a daily basis?

APPLICATION (NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK)

1) Say **YES** to whatever God is revealing to you as a kingdom assignment this week, and in this season. Live first for God's kingdom than apart for your own purposes.

2) **GIVE** generously as you feel well led to join in with what God is doing in and through our church in the season ahead, to help us reach our year-end goal together for all the ministry God is calling us to in the season ahead: aseattlechurch.com/give