

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“How Do I Hear God’s Voice?”

Introduction

As we continue on in the Preachings of Jesus section of our 52 series, we ask ourselves “How do I hear God’s voice?” Sometimes when we are searching for the voice of God, we stop ourselves and frustratedly ask, why can’t I hear God’s voice? However, sometimes we need to take a step back and see if it is the condition of our own hearts that is preventing us from hearing the voice of God.

- Share a time when you felt God’s voice, whether directly or indirectly. Maybe God stirred you to go talk to someone you wouldn’t normally talk to, perhaps He directed you to move somewhere or start a new job.

Seek the Word

- Read Luke 8:1-8. In the parable Jesus speaks of 4 different soils. How do you see these different soils play out in the hearts of the people throughout the ministry of Jesus?
- Read Luke 8:10-15. How does Jesus’ explanation change the way we view how we hear the voice of God?

Go Deeper

Read Isaiah 6:9-13. How does understanding Isaiah’s message to the people of Israel bring new insight to Jesus’ parable? Why does Jesus choose to quote Isaiah here?

Talk About It

- What kind of soil do you identify yourself with in the parable? How has it affected your ability to hear the voice of God?
- What is preventing you from cultivating your heart to be like the good soil in the parable? If you feel like you are the good soil, what can you be doing to help others who find themselves otherwise?
- Who is someone in your life that either you can come beside or can come beside you to walk together and help each other better hear the voice of God?

Wrap Up

Reminder: The condition of my heart will determine the clarity of God’s voice.

Challenge: Spend some time this week spending time in God’s word. Sit quietly and reflect on what He might be trying to tell you. Spend time reflecting on how God might be cultivating your heart to change.

