

LAB: In your journal ...

1. Write down the story about how you came to know Jesus.
 - How did you hear from God at that time? Did you hear something, see a picture, feel a strong emotion, or did you just know?
 - Think of one or two other moments when you clearly heard from God... try to identify
2. Think of one or two other moments when you clearly heard from God... try to identify if they fall under hearing, seeing, feeling, or knowing?

TAKEAWAYS



Presence-Centered Discipleship

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Session 2: Hearing God

Session objective: examine channels God typically uses to communicate with those who follow Him.

From your journal - last week's assignments:

- Personal description of a Disciple... after thinking about it, what is your idea of a disciple?
- Personal assessment... being honest with God and yourself, how are you doing in living as a disciple of Christ? Explain.
- Personal expectations... what do you hope to gain; how do you want to grow in your disciple lifestyle?
- Church family's idea of a disciple... after praying and thinking, what would you say is our idea of a disciple?

Review:

We are commissioned to make disciples - **Matthew 28:18-20**

Ignite family of churches: a person learning to be a disciple will:

- ✝ SLOW down to hear the voice of God
- ✝ PROCESS what they hear with the Lord and with others
- ✝ RESPOND to/OBEY the things they hear
- ✝ TEACH others how to follow Jesus

Listening to God is central to discipleship and faith development.
*God speaks... and **you** can hear Him. God WANTS to communicate.*
We are designed to hear from God.

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Genesis 1:26-38

Psalm 42:7

John 10:27-30

James 4:5

Multiple means through which our loving Heavenly Father speaks to us:

- ✓ Scripture - **primary means** God uses to communicate with us
- ✓ Other people - in teaching or conversation
- ✓ Circumstances
- ✓ Dreams and visions

In “Created to Hear from God,” Havilah Cunningham illustrates four primary ways people hear from God.

- † **Hearing** - through words, phrases, and sentences
- † **Seeing** - through dreams, daydreams, pictures, images, visions
- † **Feeling** - through emotions and sensations
- † **Knowing** - through intuitions, wisdom, and impressions

Think back... Recall the moment you first encountered Jesus.

- did you hear a word, phrase, or even a sentence or two from God?
- did an image or a picture come into your mind?
- did you experience an emotion such as joy, sadness, or peace?
- did you have uncharacteristic insight or understanding?

The way you first heard God may indicate how you will typically continue to receive His voice.

How God first drew you in is often how you receive His voice.

Final Thoughts

Every Christian has the ability to hear from God – that includes you. You would’ve never come to faith if you couldn’t hear God.

God is the initiator. It is God Who reveals Himself to us. We are able to believe because He spoke to us in a way that we understood.

Application Exercises

Write down instances in the Bible when God communicated through the 4 means Pastor David listed.

- ✓ Scripture - **primary way** God communicates with us
- ✓ Other people - in teaching or conversation
- ✓ Circumstances
- ✓ Dreams and visions

Write some names of people from the Bible who heard God in the 4 ways Havilah Cunningham identified.

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Write down some instances when Jesus communicated with people in each of the 4 ways

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