

The Word of God: I Need God to Speak to Me

Reflect

1. How do you hear God speak to you?
2. Do you know anyone that you have never communicated with?
3. In what ways would you like God to speak to you?

Read

- Deut. 18:15-22, (Deut. 18:15- 18 & Matt. 16:13-16)

Apply God's Word for Your Life

1. Why it is crucial to be in communication with God?
2. *"Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."* (v. 16) From the Deut. text is an interesting response from the Israelites. When you hear this how does it make you feel? In your opinion does our culture lack a bit of this reverence for God?
3. Do you have a "voice of the prophet in your life"? Where and in what ways do you hear God's truth proclaimed to you?
4. God's Word is an incredible gift to humanity and one of the ways God communicates His truth to us. What are other ways we hear the "Good News" proclaimed?
5. How can we know that it is God's voice/Word that we are hearing?
6. Jesus asks all of us *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"* (Matthew 16:15)

Communication is key to any healthy relationship. Without communication there is no relationship. It works the same in our relationship with God. God speaks to us in a number of ways; through His Word, through God's people, through worship, and through God's creation. Now typically when we think of communication we think of speaking, but equally if not more important is the act of listening. Be encouraged to not just speak to God when you pray but also to listen, spend time in the stillness and let God's Spirit wash over you, nourish you, speak to you. It takes time and practice to learn to quiet our hearts and minds, as our world is loud, but when you create the time and space to commune with God in the quietness of our hearts it is a beautifully, powerful experience.

Pray

Gracious God, we are grateful for Your desire to be in a relationship with us and grateful for making it possible through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We acknowledge our need for You, our need for Your mercy, grace and forgiveness. We humbly ask for Your help. Help us to hear Your voice. Help us to make time and space to commune with You, and may we pray the words from 1 Samuel 3:10; *"Speak, for your servant is listening."* Amen.