



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Hearing God's Voice

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Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

We are always collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens

See the sidebar for our new TEXT Prayer Request Line!
Simply text "I need prayer" to 844-533-3553 anytime,
and our team of Prayer Warriors will be praying for you.

Remember
Midweek Thursday Youth service 7pm!

Sunday



Hearing God's Voice

Last Sunday, we talked about hearing God's voice.

We started with several demonstrations showing how much easier it is to get through the maze of life when you have someone who can see the whole maze guiding you in the way to go. We also showed how difficult it can be to hear God's voice through all the noise of the world and how to discern God's voice from the voice of the enemy.

We said that while it is possible to sometimes actually hear the voice of God commanding you, chances are pretty good that He probably won't be speaking to you in a big thundering voice from the clouds or from a burning bush. He's much more likely to just make subtle suggestions and let YOU decide the way to go.

are being collected in the bin located on tables in the hall. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verses

1 Kings 19:11-13

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make

Many times, when God speaks to you, it will be in a "still small voice" so you have to really be paying attention and actively listening for His voice.

We said that one of the first things you need to do is to get into the habit of talking to God (praying), not only when you need something but anytime in daily conversations. Open your heart to Him sharing your innermost thoughts, hopes, dreams, feelings, fears, and worries.

Since many times, what God tells you may not be exactly what you want to hear, it's good to be prepared to accept His will above your own choosing to follow His plan for you rather than your own.

We said to pay close attention to and study His Word so that you know God's character and can recognize His voice.

We said that since we have God's Holy Spirit inside of us, most times God's Spirit will just speak directly to our Spirit.

We said to pay attention to little, seemingly random, things going on and notice recurring themes or repeated messages or perhaps even people (friend or stranger) that God may put in your life.

We said to pay close attention when you feel a little "nudge" in your spirit when reading or hearing certain scriptures or when hearing certain songs. These can all be ways that God may be speaking to you.

Another way is to follow God's peace in your heart. God promises His peace when we follow His way. Sometimes His peace will come to us to help guide us in a certain direction and other times we will feel His peace after to confirm that we made the right decision. Also pay attention to any unexplainable sense of unrest in your spirit that may be a warning.

Finally, we said to pay attention to how God chooses to talk to you. It may be different for each person and even for the same person in different situations.

Be extra careful when discerning God's voice from the enemy's voice who will try to distract you or guide you in the wrong way.

We talked about a few of the differences below but also noted that the enemy is tricky so we have to use all our methods to know who's voice we are hearing.

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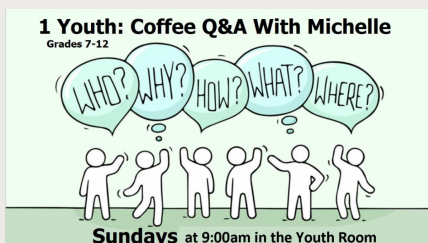
Isaiah 30:21

²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

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We said we shouldn't be afraid to ask God to clarify what He is telling us if we don't understand or it just doesn't seem right. Knowing God in a close personal relationship is the best way to be able to hear His voice.

GOD	SATAN
STILLS YOU	RUSHES YOU
REASSURES YOU	FRIGHTENS YOU
LEADS YOU	PUSHES YOU
ENLIGHTENS YOU	CONFUSES YOU
FORGIVES YOU	CONDEMNS YOU
CALMS YOU	STRESSES YOU
ENCOURAGES YOU	DISCOURAGES YOU
COMFORTS YOU	WORRIES YOU



Pre-Service Coffee Q&A

Sundays at 9:00am

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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