

## “LISTEN”

### Series: Christ in the Noisy Life

What do you think are obstacles to hearing God’s voice?

Have you ever heard God “speak” to you? Where and when? What were the circumstances?

God speaks to us through a variety of means (the prompting of the Holy Spirit, something a friend says, signs, etc.) What ways does God speak to us, other than the inner voice? How has God spoken to you through the Word?

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10. Who was Samuel in the Bible? What did he do? What is the context before this passage? Why didn’t Samuel recognize the voice of God? How did he eventually do it? Do you think it would be harder or easier to hear God’s voice the next time he spoke? What was the message Samuel was to deliver?

How is “hearing” different from “listening”? How difficult is it for you to turn off all of the noise surrounding you? What do you “hear” when all things are silent? What do you do when the “voices in your head” keep you awake at night?

What does it mean to “listen” for God’s voice? How can we tell the difference between God’s voice, our own thoughts and the voice of the devil?

What does it mean that “hearing and listening calls for a response?” What has happened when you didn’t listen to God’s voice? What happened when you did? What does it mean if you believe you heard from the Lord, you obeyed, and things didn’t turn out well? How did things turn out for Samuel? For Eli?

What might you do differently to “hear, listen and obey” God’s voice the next time you seek Him?