



IS ANYONE LISTENING?

Part 4 - Are we listening to God?

It's one thing to ask if God is listening to us when we pray. It's another thing to ask ourselves whether we're listening to Him. I think God wants to speak to us, so we need to learn how to tune in and hear His voice!

Scripture: John 10:2-11, Ezekiel 34:2-4, Psalm 23:1-6

Discussion Questions

1. Does silence make you uncomfortable? Why or why not? Have you ever implemented the habit of silently listening for God's voice? Do you get distracted from praying (or while your praying)? What specifically distracts you?
2. Read Psalm 62:1-8. Describe what you think it means for 'my soul to wait in silence.' What would that experience be like? Why does the Psalmist wait in silence for God? What does he say about God that makes him want to hear from God?
3. What do verses 3-4 tell us about his life and how he is feeling? Do you ever feel some of those same things? What would you hope God would say to you when you feel that way?
4. Verses 5-6 repeat verses 1-2. What is kept the same and what is changed/added? When we find repetition like this, it means that we should really pay attention to what we're reading. Re-read this section and talk about what stands out to you. Why would these verses be so important for us to notice?
5. It sounds like the Psalmist waits in silence for God to remind him that He is trustworthy and able to save him (among other things). To hear God speak to you in this way would be powerful. If you regularly listened for the voice of God, what do you expect that He might say? What benefits do you think there might be to this kind of routine?

Moving Forward

Is listening for God's voice something you'll try to make a regular habit? What strategies do you need to implement to make that realistic? What distractions can you work on, and how will you do that?