

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

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LISTENING FOR MYSELF

1 Father, is there anyone that I have unfinished business with, like the need to forgive?

2 Father, are there wounds in my heart, past or present, that you want to heal?

3 Father, what are you wanting to teach me these days?

4 Father, what do you want to say about Morningside Lutheran?

5 Father, is there a spiritual gift that You want me to focus on?

6 Father, is there anything you want to say to me about the Holy Spirit?

Lessons learned from this listening exercise:

- 1.
- 2.

LISTENING FOR OTHERS

1. Listen quietly for a word for one minute, then share what you hear.
2. Pick a fruit of the Spirit and speak it over your partner (like one in Gal. 5:22,23).
3. Pray for a Scripture or a Bible story, then speak it over your partner.
4. Put your hand on your partner's shoulder, then speak after listening for a minute.
5. Pray or sing in tongues for a minute, then speak what you receive as an interpretation.

What did God teach you through these listening exercises?

HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

1. Know that God has a voice. I didn't know that as a young person.
2. Tell God that you are listening. To hear from God, we position ourselves to listen. One common verse in the Bible is, "He who has an ear, let him hear."
3. Ask God questions. Ask Him to reveal Himself and His purposes to you. Ask Him, "What would you like me to say to this person? Where are you most happy with me today? Is there someone You would like me to invest in? I am listening.
4. Listening is a relationship, not a technique.
5. Put the ball in God's court. Don't worry.
6. The New Covenant is greater than the Old Covenant. The Holy Spirit within brings more clarity than a pillar of fire or a cloud. Express confidence in the indwelling Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:26). "He will guide you into all the truth...and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you" (16:13,14).