

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Listening for and to the Lord

**Companion Book
to DVD Series**

*"Speak, for your servant
is listening."*

I Samuel 3:10

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INTRODUCTION

Does God really speak to us? Jesus says that His sheep know His voice and follow Him (John 10:4). Since our walk with the Lord is a relationship, it makes sense that it would go two ways, but what does that mean and how does it look in our lives? In this four part message series, we will begin by looking at several verses, both Old and New Testament, that describe ways in which the Almighty talks to us, then study and explore the following passages which can help us not only listen for God, but also to Him...

Why Listen? (Mark 9:2-8) (56 minutes)

Be Attentive! (I Samuel 3:1-21) (53 minutes)

A Familiar Voice (John 10:1-30) (68 minutes)

Don't Just Be A Listener... Be A Doer! (James 1:19-25) (49 minutes)



HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

*This study can be used by an individual, in a small group or in a large group setting. There are four video sessions and the **handouts** that go with each are included in this book, along **with permission to copy and distribute** them. The notes will appear in the videos as they appear on the handouts, making note taking simple. The “answers” or filled in blanks are also included.*

Whether alone or with others, it is always a good idea to begin each session of any Bible study with a time of worship in song and prayer. If doing this study in a group, a time of discussion can follow the videos.

Are you ready to search the Scriptures to see how we can become better listeners for and to God? Then let's begin!

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WHY LISTEN? Mark 9:2-8

THE BASICS

- **Clarification:** When we talk about God speaking to us, it can refer to the _____, _____ (the Son) or the _____.
- **Foundational Truth:** The most powerful and _____ way in which God speaks to us is through His _____, and no matter how else we may hear from Him, it must _____ with the Scriptures.
- **In addition to the Scriptures, God also speaks to us...**
- 1) Through His _____ (Romans 1:19-20, Psalm 19:1-4, Acts 14:16-17)
 - 2) Through _____ (Proverbs 12:15; 15:22)
 - 3) Through His _____ (John 14:25-26; 16:12-15)
 - 4) Through whatever _____ He _____.

THE TEXT (Mark 9:2-8)

Transfigured: The Greek word used here is "metamorphoo", from which we get our English word _____. It means "a change on the outside that comes from the _____. ... Our Lord's glory was not _____ [from without] but radiated from within" (BEC).

Personal Application: The Greek word translated as "transfigured" (Mark 9:2; Matt 17:2) is only used two other times in the New Testament, and is recorded as "transformed" (Rom. 12:2; II Cor. 3:18). This should be a reminder to _____ in the process of _____, which is becoming more like God and less like ourselves. It also should encourage us that these changes must come from _____, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and not merely our own desire or attempts to be more like Jesus.

Parallel: The transfiguration can be a reminder to us of the _____ and _____ of having a _____ with God through Jesus.

We don't just listen to Jesus because He is _____, but also because the _____ has _____ us to do so.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION QUESTIONS

for Session One – Why Listen? (Mark 9:2-8)

1. Please share your thoughts and/or insights on the passage or the message that was shared.
2. What a blessing to know that God desires to speak to us! Share some ways in which He has spoken to you.
3. Why is it crucial to always take what we think we hear from the Lord and compare it to what He says in His Word?
4. In what ways are you participating in the transformation process of becoming more like God and less like yourself (sanctification)? How can listening for and to the Lord help you with this?
5. How can knowing that God the Father commanded us to listen to Jesus His Son, encourage and motivate us do to so?