



Sermon Discussion Guide
Hearing God's Voice
Week 5: How to Discern God's Voice
Luke 24:13-35 | August 30, 2020

Big Idea

There are three crucial questions we must ask in order to discern whether we're hearing from God.

Opening Questions

Who has a voice you'd recognize anywhere? What makes their voice recognizable?

General Sermon Questions

Think of a time in your life in which you're confident you heard from God. What was that experience like? What makes you think it was God's voice?

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Luke 24:13-35**. What are your initial impressions of this passage?
2. The two men on the road were kept from recognizing Jesus. Have you ever failed to recognize how God was working in a situation? What keeps us from recognizing God in the moment?
3. Jesus used Scripture to communicate with the two men (verse 27). The first question to ask when discerning God's voice is, "*Is it written?*" How do we use the ancient text of the Bible in discerning modern issues? What are the dangers of not examining whether something is Scriptural?
4. The men were excited when they realized they were talking to Jesus (verse 32). The second question to ask when discerning God's voice is, "*What does this feeling/thought produce?*" How can our emotions lead us astray? How is the Fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) helpful in understanding the motives and consequences of your feelings?
5. The men told others about their conversation with Jesus (verse 35). The third question to ask when discerning God's voice is, "*Do other believers confirm it?*" Do you have someone who can help you confirm whether you're hearing the voice of God? What does that kind of relationship look like?

Concluding Questions

We covered three questions in discerning God's voice. (*Is it written? What does this feeling/thought produce? Do other believers confirm it?*) Is there any question that stands out as easier or more difficult for you to answer than the others? Why is it important to ask all three?

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for providing us with the tools necessary for discerning your voice. Please help us to apply them so we can be confident we are hearing from You. Amen."