



To Be A Transforming
Community Committed
To Jesus Christ

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Listening to God

James 4:8 *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

We can assume that God longs to talk with us, so **how do we listen to God?**

1. Draw aside to a quiet place without distractions.
2. Still our hearts and our thoughts.
3. Offer up thoughts of thanksgiving praise and worship.
4. Be still – don't be afraid of silence.
5. Pay attention in our hearts for His voice.
6. Wait for God to speak and write down his response – words, pictures, impressions.
7. Spend time with Godly people who also listen to God and learn from them.

Sometimes we doubt if we are hearing clearly and sometimes we get it wrong.

Our thoughts can be soulish or come from our wounded psyches.

Wrong choices will lead us further & further from relationship with Him.

Always be careful that what we're hearing lines up with scriptural principles.

All significant journeys require effort: we will make mistakes while learning.

George Mueller was a godly man who ran an orphanage and heard clearly from God. He said “*seek to get your heart in such a state that it has no will of its own with regard to the matter - don't predetermine what God's will is.*”

Too often we are wanting God to rubber stamp our plans and ideas.

If this is the case then our soulish thoughts will trump the voice of God.

God can do abundantly more than we ask or think if we seek His kingdom first.(Ephesians 3:20)

Try not to be anxious about our personal wants but simply trust in Him.

The Holy Spirit journeys with us and as we obey Him, the clarity of his voice and anointing increases.

Small Group Questions

1. Share about a time when you really needed a clear word/confirmation from the Lord.
2. How did you go about seeking God in this way?
3. Did he answer you? If so, how did He answer you?
4. Pray for each other concerning needs for current guidance.