

September 17th, Hearing God?

What were some things from this message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

God is patient and He waits for us to make time to hear from Him. Is it hard for you to practice the art of sitting with God and listening to Him? Why or why not?

Is there a time you felt like God spoke to you through His word? What was that like?

John 10:2-5 NIV says:

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

Jesus goes ahead of us. Whether the future holds joys or difficulties, he is there guiding us and calling us forward to himself. He calls us by name and knows our real identity. What does that make you think/feel?

How can you tell if a word comes from God?

What's the difference between listening and hearing?

Psalms 119:18 NIV says:

Open my eyes that I may see
Wonderful things in your law.

Have you asked God to open your eyes in this way?

Listening is a skill that requires persistence. Sometimes we rush God by not taking enough time. What are some ways we can try to persist in listening so we can hear God powerfully and clearly?

Matthew 5-7 is the sermon on the mount. Pastor Chuck Gerwig challenged us to read it in small sections over the course of the next two weeks, and to try to listen to God through that reading. Will you give it a try?