

## Listen and Obey - 8/15/2021

## OVERVIEW

God is constantly speaking, and He wants to speak to you. Are you listening? The world, the flesh, and the devil are all vying for your attention and affections. But, if you have received Christ as your Savior, then the Spirit of God is in you. That means you can have intimate fellowship with Him if you listen to and obey what He says. What is God saying to you?

Scriptures: John 10:4-5, 37, 14:2-23, 16:13; Proverbs 1:23, 20:27; Psalm 23, 32:8-9, 119:105; Isaiah 30:19-21; Romans 8:14-16; Matthew 4:4; Luke 8:4-6, 9-10, 12-14, 18; Hebrews 5:11-14

## APPLICATION

• Craig showed a video of sheep hearing their farmer's voice, listening for instructions, then immediately come running. Share about a time when you heard from God (the good shepherd), then acted and followed His voice.

• The world, the flesh, and the devil are all vying for your attention and affections. Which of these is capturing your attention and keeping you from hearing the voice of God, and why?

• God is constantly speaking, but because of distractions it's sometimes hard to hear Him. How do you personally recognize God's voice?

• Have you heard God speak to you in the last week? If the answer is no, why not?

• NEXT STEP: We see in Hebrews 5:11-14 that recognition comes through repetition. Craig shares a tool for listening to God through Scripture:

- 1. Read It: Familiarization
- 2. Explore It: Imagination
- 3. Pray It: Conversation
- 4. Enjoy It: Celebration

- 5. Live It: Application
- 6. Share It: Evangelization
- 7. Watch It: Transformation

This week ask God to open your ears to hear His voice. Then open Scripture and start listening for Him to speak directly to you!