



Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice, and they follow me." Faithful following requires careful listening, and careful listening requires intention and training. In this series we will explore ways we can grow in our capacity to hear the voice of our Lord. Our Savior still speaks, and he still connects with those who have "ears to hear."

## Week 2: God Speaks Many Languages

1. **Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10.** What stands out to you the most from this story? What lessons or observations can we learn about hearing and recognizing God's voice in our own lives?
2. How can mentors or those more experienced in hearing God's voice help guide and encourage those who are still learning to discern His voice?
3. **HEAR BETWEEN... The Bible is fully God's Word... Read 2 Timothy 3:16.** Have you ever struggled with the belief that God only speaks through the Bible? How has your perspective on this evolved? Follow up: Discuss the importance of regularly engaging with Scripture as a means to improve your ability to hear God's voice. How has the Bible impacted your own spiritual journey?
4. **HEAR BETWEEN... The Bible is fully God's Word...but not God's Word in full.** *God did not go mute when the New Testament was complete.* How can we maintain a balance between affirming the authority of Scripture while also remaining open to the possibility that God may speak to us in ways beyond the written Word?
5. **HEAR BEYOND...** Consider the various "languages" through which God speaks, such as *creation (Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:20), gifted teachers (Ephesians 4:11-12), the family of faith (Acts 15:28), circumstances and signs (Psalm 110:71-72), and the indwelling Spirit (John 14:26).* Which of these languages do you resonate with the most, and why? Follow up: Share a personal experience where you felt God speaking to you through one of these languages. How did you recognize His voice in that situation?
6. Discuss the importance of actively listening for God's voice in our daily lives. What practical steps can we take to become more attentive to His leading and guidance?
7. Rick closed by asking, "What about you? Are you paying attention to all the languages God uses to get your attention?" With those questions in mind, what's your next step today to make sure you are putting yourself in the right surroundings to hear the voice of God? Reflect on this question during the week: **What must I turn down so I can tune in?**

