



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 4: God's Voice Can Be Recognized

1. How does **John 10:27** describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers? What does this imply about the relationship between familiarity and recognizing God's voice?
2. **WHO CAN I LISTEN TO? The voice of the enemy.** In what ways have you experienced or observed the enemy's tactics of lying, deceiving, and snatching away the word of God in your life or the lives of others (**see Luke 8:11-12**)? Follow up: How can we actively cultivate a heart saturated with God's truth to combat these influences effectively?
3. **WHO CAN I LISTEN TO? The voice of the self.** How can self-talk sometimes contradict or hinder our ability to hear God's voice clearly? Follow up: How can we guard against self-deception and ensure that our thoughts align with God's truth?
4. **WHO CAN I LISTEN TO? The voice of the Lord.** Why is it important to align God's spoken word with His written word? Share an example of a time when you were able to recognize God's voice because it aligned with Scripture. How did that impact how you followed Jesus?
5. **WHAT DO I LISTEN FOR? God's voice will encourage my spirit.** Reflect on a time when you felt encouraged by hearing from God or receiving confirmation of His presence in your life. How did this experience impact your spiritual journey? Follow up: Why is it a good practice to remember the words God has spoken to you (**see 1 Timothy 1:18**)?
6. **WHAT DO I LISTEN FOR? God's voice will enable my transformation.** How have you experienced or witnessed God's voice guiding you towards becoming more like Christ? Follow up: *God's word can confront and console at the same time.* Can you think of a time when you received correction from God that ultimately brought comfort or reassurance? How did this experience impact your understanding of God's character and your worth?
7. **WHAT DO I LISTEN FOR? God's voice will enlarge my faith.** Share instances where you or others have responded to what you believed was God's voice, even if it led to challenging or unexpected outcomes. What were the results of those decisions? Follow up: What might God be calling you to do that requires hearing and trusting His voice?

