May 1st- 7th

Step By Step

In this lesson you will learn three ways to let God lead you.

Intro: Isn't it amazing and inspiring that the God of the universe wants to get to know you personally. He knows all of your insecurities, shortcomings, and failures and he still invites you to know Him and commune with him. It is time for us to come back to the innocence of wanting to know God intimately. Give God your ears and your heart so you can hear and obey him. Seek to hear God's voice on a daily basis, and incline your ears to God's revealed wisdom. John 10:11- says that God is your good shepherd. Trust the voice of the Holy Spirit leading you in your life. When God speaks, our response is to obey what God is instructing us to do.

I. Ears are the Gateway to Faith

A. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom 10:17). Why doesn't faith come by touching, seeing, or smelling? For some reason, God made sure that our ears would be the gates and windows to our faith. Faith comes by hearing the right voice, the right sounds, the right words. Most of us our ears perk up at conversations that involve our interests; politically, socially, or sports wise. What is your ear inclined to hear?

II. Don't Stop Listening to God

A. Jer 7:24- They did not incline their ear. They were stubborn in their heart, and went backward not forward. If you continually fill your ears with only things that satisfy your lusts, desires, and opinions, chances are, you won't hear what God has to speak to you. Studies have shown that we hear what we are listening for. So, one will hear what one wants to hear. We must prioritize listening to the word of God. As we hear the Word preached in church or hearing the Bible read, we need to hear it with a submissive heart and a mind to obey it.

III. Learning to Hear God is a Process

A. God is speaking to you daily, but are you listening for his voice? Keep listening, keep asking, and stay alert to his voice. What does God have to do to get your attention? God wants to open your ears and speak direction to your life. For Moses, God got his attention with a burning bush. Eventually, he got to the place where he spoke with God in the tabernacle of meeting face to face regularly (Ex 33:11). Moses had such close fellowship and intimacy with God that his face radiated with the glory of God. We too can experience close intimacy with the Lord as we spend time each day listening with our spiritual ears to hear his voice.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What are you filling your ears with predominately on a daily basis?
- 2. Are you taking time to re-hear past messages or meditate on the word of God?
- 3. Are you leaning in every time you have your quiet time?