

LifeGroup Questions
Based On: Various
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Overview

How does God speak to us today? This can be a confusing question for believers to answer. Have you ever heard someone say “God spoke to me” and wondered how? A lot of Biblical teaching is more directed to guiding believers how to pray and ask things of God than it is toward how to listen. One way God speaks today is through His Word. The daily reading and studying of God’s word can have a powerful impact on a believer’s life. God can use His word to guide and direct your heart no matter what the circumstance. A second way that God speaks is through the wonder of His creation. It is hard to look at the beauty of creation and not see the finger prints of the Creator. God speaks through the teachings of Jesus. We can read all the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels as well as His explanation of His teachings. Another way God speaks is through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This one can sometimes be difficult to discern; the prompting of the Holy Spirit versus your own thoughts. Finally, God can use circumstances and fellow believers to speak to you. Sometimes we need to get completely through a situation before we can see or understand how God was using it in our lives. The voice of fellow believers can have a tremendous impact on your life. Everyone has an opinion, but not every opinion or advice is worth listening to. This is why it is important to seek advice from fellow believers who are investing in their own relationship with God. In the lesson below we are going to read various passages and discuss how God speaks to us today.

Bible Study: Various

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:16-17. Discuss a time when a verse or passage spoke directly to you. How did it influence your thoughts or actions?
2. Read Hebrews 4:12. What does it mean for you to think of the Word of God being living and active?
3. Read Romans 1:20. In what ways have you experienced God speaking through His creation?
4. Read John 14:26. Discuss as a group how you discern between your own thoughts and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
5. Why do you think Jesus came and taught and used parables rather than just perform miracles? Which of the teachings of Jesus has had the biggest impact on your life?
6. Read Exodus 18:17-22. God spoke directly to Moses several times throughout scripture. In this passage Moses listened to his father-in-law when it came to judging the people of Israel. Why is it important to be open to the godly advice of others? What are some qualities of people who give solid, godly advice?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 16:8-9. In this passage Paul sees a wide door for ministry open even though it is full of adversaries. Paul understood that conflict (bad circumstances) doesn't always mean you are not following God's will. How has God spoken to you through both good and bad circumstances? What are some ways you can still grow spiritually in the midst of a tough situation?