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Psalm 9:9-10 - The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.

REVIEW

- Week 1 - God's Works
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GOD HAS SPOKEN

Hebrews 1:1-3 - Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

2 Peter 1:3-5 - By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.

HOW GOD SPEAKS

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH:

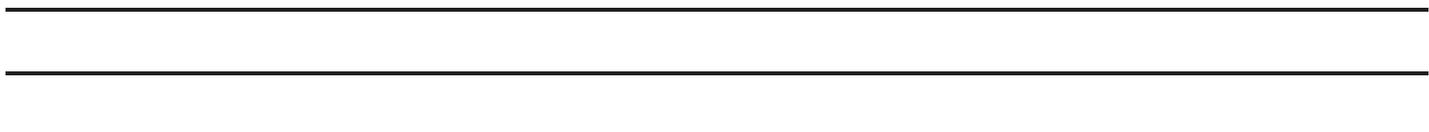
- Bible
- Prayer
- Circumstances
- God's People

BIBLE

Hebrews 4:12 - We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

- Faith comes from hearing the good news - Romans 10:17
- The gospel is the power to salvation - Romans 1:16



PRAYER

Philippians 4:6-7 - Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Luke 5:16 - But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

CIRCUMSTANCES

- Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10
- I only do what I see my Father do - John 5:19-20

GOD'S PEOPLE

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 - So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[e] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- We need constant training - Hebrews 5:11-14
- We need to cry out for the pure spiritual milk of the Word
- We need to ask the right questions. Not what is God's will for my life, but what is God's will?
- Bible, prayer, circumstances, God's people

Isaiah 30:18 - So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.

Revelation 3:20-21 - "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

CLOSING

1. How do you create time to listen to God?
2. Do you allow God to speak through people?
3. What circumstances is God inviting you into right now?
4. Have you accepted Christ?

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: Hebrews 1:1-2; John 14:22-26; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Ephesians 1:15-20

1. In general, what are some ways that God speaks to people? Write them down as a group.
2. What ways does God speak to you personally? Are there environments where you tend to hear God more clearly?
3. Are there times in your life when God seems silent? How do you interpret that silence? What assumptions are you making?
4. Considering 1 Kings 19:11-13, how can we position ourselves to hear from God, even in ways we might not expect?
5. What have you been praying for recently? What answers to prayer have you experienced?
6. How do you plan to hear from God this week?

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