



WEEK 2: I'M REALLY LISTENING

OPENING PRAYER: God who speaks, help us to turn down the volume on the noise in our lives and in the world, so that we can be present to you in this time carved out for study and conversation. Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.

Starter Question: In a game of truth or dare, which are you more likely to pick and why?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-18

1. Describe the relationship between Eli and Samuel. What do you notice about it?
2. Why do you think God chose to speak to Samuel, a child/young person, instead of speaking directly to Eli?
3. What emotions do you imagine Samuel felt as he prepared to tell Eli what he had heard?
4. What do you think it took for Eli to receive the hard truth of Samuel's message?

NEXT STEPS:

1. Look at verse 1. Do you think people feel that "the word of the Lord is rare" today too? Why or why not?
2. How can we discern God's voice among/in the "noise" of the world? What helps us to know it's God's voice?
3. In what ways can we create spaces and relationships where we can listen and say, "Speak, Lord..."?
4. If connecting this week to the Baptism of the Lord, review the baptismal vows. Which might you focus on or renew this year (prayers, presence, witness, service, gifts) as a means to listen to God and create space for others?

CLOSING PRAYER: God of truths both comforting and challenging, we thank you for the time we have spent together this day. As we go about our daily lives, help us to make space for your voice however and through whomever it may come. Give us the courage to speak and to listen and the wisdom to know when to do each. Amen.

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Week 1: Standing on the Promises

Sunday – Luke 2:25-38

Monday – Psalm 145:4-7

Tuesday – Joel 2:28-29

Wednesday – Psalm 78:4-7

Thursday – Isaiah 44:1-5

Friday – 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Saturday – Hebrews 11:39-12:2

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Sunday – 1 Samuel 3:1-14

Monday – 1 Samuel 16:24-27

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 16:28-30

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 16:31-37

Thursday – Psalm 8:1-2

Friday – Matthew 21:14-17

Saturday – Jeremiah 1:4-8

Week 3: Formed and Freed

Sunday – 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Monday – Acts 18:24-28

Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 3:1-8

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Thursday – Galatians 5:13-15

Friday – Mark 6:6b-13

Saturday – Matthew 28:16-20

Week 4: Where You Go, I Will Go

Sunday – Ruth 1:1-18

Monday – 2 Kings 2:1-14

Tuesday – Matthew 19:13-15

Wednesday – James 1:19-27

Thursday – Ephesians 4:1-6

Friday – Philippians 2:1-5

Saturday – John 13:33-35