

## TUNE IN.

## PART 2: LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

## SMALL GROUPS

 CONVERSATION GUIDE

The series *Tune In – Listening to God's Voice* reminds us that just like a radio needs to be set to the right frequency to capture the signal, our hearts also need to be aligned with God in order to hear His voice clearly. The passage in **1 Samuel 3:1-10** shows us how young Samuel, at first inexperienced in listening to God, gradually learned to recognize His voice.

This story reflects our own spiritual journey: hearing God is not always immediate or automatic. It is a process that requires sensitivity, willingness, and practice. God's voice is present, but we need to train our spiritual ears to discern it from all the other voices competing for our attention.

 MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- Set aside daily quiet time before God, free of distractions, to read His Word and pray.
- Keep a journal of what you sense God is speaking to you during your devotional time, then test it against Scripture for confirmation.
- Seek counsel from a spiritual leader or mentor when you feel God is speaking, so you can learn discernment and confirmation.
- Be consistent: Samuel didn't recognize God's voice the first time, but through obedience and perseverance he learned to respond.

**«So he said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went back to bed. And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, your servant is listening.”»**

 **1 Samuel 3:9-10 (NLT)**

## TALK ABOUT IT

- Why do you think Samuel didn't recognize God's voice at first?
- What are some obstacles today that might keep us from hearing God's voice clearly?
- How can we distinguish God's voice from our own thoughts or other influences?
- What role does obedience play in our ability to hear God?
- How does John 10:27 confirm and strengthen Samuel's experience?

 **The more I incline my ear to listen to the voice of God, the more I learn to discern the voice of God clearly.**

## PRAYER

Lord, teach us to recognize Your voice in the midst of all the voices around us. Like Samuel, we want to respond with humility: "Speak, your servant is listening." Help us to be sensitive to Your Spirit, obedient to Your Word, and consistent in seeking You daily. Amen.

## TIPS

- Daily practice of listening to God strengthens your spiritual discernment.
- Don't be afraid of making mistakes at the beginning: hearing God is a learning process.
- Use Scripture as your safe filter: God will never contradict His written Word.
- Be patient with yourself and with others: learning to hear God takes time and maturity.
- Join us for 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer (August 11-31) as we seek God together.

**More about 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer:**

