

# KINGDOM BUSINESS BASICS

## Lesson Three: Hearing From God for Others



### Introduction

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**Question 1:** What is one thing that has changed since you started making declaration statements about hearing from God?

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### Discerning God's Voice

In this age of constant chatter and endless distractions, a profound truth emerges, we all possess the incredible ability to hear from God. It's truly life changing for both us and the Kingdom of God. But how can we tell if it is God's voice? Here are some keyways:

**Scripture Alignment:** God's voice perfectly matches His written word.

**Loving Conviction:** God's voice challenges us without shaming us.

**Wise Confirmation:** Get advice from fellow believers. Their insights can guide you to affirm or challenge the voice.

**Peace Beyond Understanding:** God's voice brings a peaceful assurance that goes beyond logic.

Just remember, God wants to speak to you and guide you. As you keep seeking Him and studying His Word, you'll become better at recognizing His voice amidst the noise.

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**“Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” Jeremiah 33:3 ESV**

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## **Ways God Communicates**

Kathryn came to faith in her earlier twenties, but nothing prepared her for the day when God’s voice whispered to her for the first time. It was a typical Sunday afternoon in their small, conservative town, where her husband, Andy, was a police officer.

When the phone rang, Andy learned that one of the youth members at their local church was in crisis, and the parents were desperate for help. As he grabbed his keys to leave, Kathryn felt an urge to tell him. “Be careful, he has a gun,” she said. Andy paused, surprised, but after a moment, he nodded and left.

Kathryn went to her knees in prayer, enveloped by an inexplicable peace. She didn’t question how she knew about the gun; she simply trusted in knowing God’s voice.

When Andy returned, his eyes were wide with amazement. “The boy did have a gun, but when I arrived, he handed it over calmly and peacefully.”

"Knowing" is just one of the ways through which we can hear from God. We will embark on a journey to discover the diverse methods through which we can hear His voice.

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**“The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.” Mark 1:12**

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## **Group Work**

**Beyond Words: Ways God Speaks to Us (Excerpts from Prepare International  
“Divine Communication Module)**

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Imagine a world where the Creator of the universe longs to connect with you personally. God speaks to each of us in unique and profound ways, tailored to draw us closer to His heart. Whether through the pages of scripture or the whispers of our intuition, His voice is ever-present.

**God Speaks Through Scriptures** (2 Timothy 3:16-17) – Dive into the scriptures, where God shares timeless wisdom and truths. It is a beacon of light, illuminating your path and offering guidance in times of uncertainty.

**Intuition and Urges** (Mark 1:12) – Trust those strong urges and intuitive nudges; they are often the gentle prompts of inspiration. When you feel that undeniable knowing, recognize it as God's way of leading you.

**Still Small Voice** (Acts 10:19) – In the quiet moments, when the world around you fades, listen for that subtle inner dialogue. This still small voice speaks directly to your spirit, offering comfort, clarity, knowledge, and direction.

**Natural Thought Process** (John 16:13) – Sometimes, the Holy Spirit weaves through your thoughts, infusing them with Godly insight. Pay attention to those moments of inspiration that arise unexpectedly; they may hold the key to your next step.

**Other People** (Acts 13:2) – God often uses others to convey His messages. Be open to the wisdom and encouragement that comes through friends, family, and even strangers. Their words may be the very guidance you need.

**Visions, Dreams, Data-Download, & Pictures** (Acts 2:17) – God can communicate through visions, dreams, and vivid imagery, whether you are awake or asleep. Embrace these experiences as opportunities to receive His messages and revelations.

**Angelic Visitations** (Luke 2:8-14) – Angels appear 365 times in the Bible. And yes, God can send angels to speak directly to you! Angels are messengers of hope and guidance, reminding you that you are never alone.

**Animals, Nature & Objects** (Numbers 22:21-29) – Just as God used unexpected means to communicate in biblical times, He may still be speaking through nature, circumstances, and even mundane objects today.

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**Hardship & Suffering** (Isaiah 43:2) – God often speaks through life's challenges. Whether it's relationship struggles, loss, or personal crises, these difficult experiences can be powerful conduits for God wisdom and growth.

**Peace of God** (Colossians 3:15) – Peace directing us in the way we should go.

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**“An angel of the Lord told Philip to go south to the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza. Philip obeyed and encountered an Ethiopian eunuch, a high official in charge of the treasury of the queen of Ethiopia.” Acts 8:26**

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## Developing Hearing Ears

In the midst of a bustling life, Reagan yearned to hear the gentle whispers of God. One evening, driven by her desire for connection, she found solace on her favorite park bench, nestled beneath the sheltering branches of a majestic pine tree. With her eyes closed, she recalled the powerful words of Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God."

Determined to cultivate ears to hear, Reagan returned to that bench night after night, immersing herself in Scripture and embracing the practice of listening prayer. At first, her thoughts danced chaotically, but she pressed on, fueled by the belief that God was eagerly waiting to connect with her. One evening, as the sun dipped below the horizon, she felt a gentle nudge in her spirit: "Trust in the journey." Surprised yet comforted, she captured the message in her journal, marking the beginning of her hearing from God.

As time unfolded, Reagan learned to recognize God's whispers in her quiet moments and everyday conversations. Each message resonated with the truths of Scripture, deepening her faith and providing encouragement.

Reagan's journey serves as a beautiful reminder that we, too, can cultivate the ability to hear God's voice. Begin by embracing stillness in your life, committing to a consistent practice of seeking His presence. When you encounter those Godly nudges, don't forget to write them down; they are the milestones on your journey of faith. With patience and persistence, you will discover the profound joy of hearing God's voice, guiding you every step of the way.

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## Hearing from God for Others

One day at work, a manager approached her employee with a heartfelt request: she wanted to pray for a co-worker in need. Without hesitation, the employee joined her, forming a circle of prayer. As they laid hands and began to pray, an unexpected vision flashed before the employee's eyes—bats.

At first, the employee dismissed it as a distraction, refocusing their thoughts on the prayer. Yet, the image persisted, fluttering in their mind like the wings of those creatures. After they finished praying, the employee shared this strange picture. "Does 'bats' mean anything to you?" they asked, hesitantly describing the scene of bats taking flight.

To the employee's surprise, the manager's eyes brimmed with tears. She shared a heartfelt story: her father had died from collecting bat droppings, which are dangerously toxic. Even now, remnants of that past lingered on her land, a haunting reminder of unresolved grief. She revealed that God had been urging her to clear away the bat droppings, but she had hesitated, unsure of how to proceed.

In that moment, the employee realized that what seemed like a peculiar vision was, in fact, a message from God to their coworker. It reminded them that we are all instruments of God's communication, meant to uplift and connect with one another.

## Notes about Hearing from God for Others

Here are just a few notes for you to be successful when hearing from God for others.

**Speak Words of Love** – When sharing with others what you heard from God, focus on sharing messages that uplift, encourage, and bring comfort to others.

**Experience Real-Time Dialogue** – Picture this: God is like your best friend on speed dial! When you reach out to Him, He responds instantly. No need to wait or wonder – His answers flow to you as naturally as a conversation with a close confidant.

**Trust Your First Inspired Thought** – When you ask God a question, the first thought that zips through your mind is often His loving response. If it's positive and uplifting, embrace it with confidence.

**Dive Deeper with Curious Questions** – God loves your curiosity! Don't be shy – ask follow-up questions about the thoughts you receive. This is your chance to explore the depths of His messages and uncover profound insights.

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## Application:

### Asking God Questions

Let's practice hearing from God for others. Find a partner and ask God the following questions. (Remember, sharing these insights can be a powerful gift.)

1. Father God, what is one word You have for \_\_\_\_\_?  
(name of partner)

What was the word you received from your partner?

2. Father God, what is one picture You have for \_\_\_\_\_?  
(name of partner)

What was the word you received from your partner?

3. Father God, what is your favorite thing about \_\_\_\_\_?  
(name of partner)

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What was the word you received from your partner?

## God Wants You to Know

Now with your partner, pray for one another, creating a space filled with God's love and trust. As you pray, open your mind and heart to the whispers from God—Ask God the following question:

4. What is one thing you want \_\_\_\_\_ to know?  
(name of partner)

What was the one thing God wanted you to know?

## HOMEWORK: Hearing From God at Work

Throughout this module, we've witnessed the incredible ways in which individuals have experienced hearing from God in the workplace. It's a powerful reminder that our jobs can be more than just a means to earn a living; they can be a vibrant extension of the Kingdom of God.

Imagine bringing the love, wisdom, and encouragement of God into your daily tasks! He desires to walk alongside you at work, not only to support you but also to inspire you to uplift your coworkers. By inviting God into your decisions and interactions, you can bring the Kingdom of hope and positivity to your workplace.

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Write down two things you are going to do at your work this week to hear from God.

1.

2.



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## Further Study about Divine Communication

**There are other voices competing for your attention.**

**“A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” (John 10:5)**

There is more than one voice competing for your attention. Jesus called these other voices, “the voices of strangers.” Some of these other voices are bent on leading us astray, while others are well-meaning people who don’t know any better. Jesus wants us to learn the difference between His voice and the voices of strangers.

### **1. The Voice of the World (1 John 5:19)**

In every nation, the spirit of the world has shaped culture, those unique things we value. Some things will not hinder Christ or the Gospel, but others within the culture will stand in His way and oppose Him. Note: The spirit of the world is identified in 1 John 2:15–17.

### **2. The Voice of the Religious Spirit**

The religious spirit consists of powerful spirits masquerading as the voice of God. In 2 Corinthians 11:13–14, Paul tells us that Satan displays himself as an angel of light.

**“Jesus said to them. ‘Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’” (Matthew 16:6)**

Pharisees considered themselves faithful worshipers of God, but they focused all of their lives on outer, external religious activities, duties, and observances that had no real life in the Spirit with God. Sadducees were a group of religious people who sought God but did not believe in the supernatural activity of God in their day-to-day lives.

**3. The Voice of Other People** - At times, well-meaning people may give us advice and try to influence us. They are often speaking out of unrenewed minds and hearts. People can give us spiritual advice and teaching that is not from the mind of Christ.

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**“But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.” (Matthew 16:23)**

**Question: In this Bible verse, Peter is one of these “other” voices. He tried to tell Jesus that Jesus didn’t need to die. Why do you think he was NOT a voice for the Lord in this instance?**

We are never to isolate ourselves from people, and the Bible is full of teaching about seeking the counsel of wise, Spirit- led people, but the bottom line is we must learn to hear His voice.

## **4. The Voice of Our Soul**

This is the loudest voice of all as we ask, “Is this me, or am I hearing God?” Everything passes through our souls. It is the filter for everything we hear; therefore, we must learn to discern what is coming up out of ourselves and what is coming from the Lord.

Our own souls will always promote our carnal desires. Fear and greed are common ingredients of our own “voice.”

**“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)**

In this verse, we learn that the Bible is powerful and will deeply work in us. The more we understand the Bible, the easier it will be to recognize His voice.

If you are interested in going deeper on this topic, check out Prepare International Lubbock School <https://hub.prepareinternational.org>