

Message Series: Gideon

Message Title: Can I hear God speak to me?

Key Scripture:

Judges 6:15-18, 36-40, Colossians 3:15

Other Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-7, Proverbs 12:15

Theme

There is clear reference in Isaiah 9, to Gideon's story of overcoming oppression from Midian, to develop mighty characteristics to help us overcome. To be the people of God who are FREE, we can learn from a biblical study on the life and character of Gideon found in Judges 6-8 to overcome for Renewal and life today.

Message Summary

A big question for a Christian is how can I hear God for myself? Probably, the supplementary question would be how can I know it is God? We hold three core beliefs on this:

- God does still speak today**
- Everyone can (not necessarily does) hear God.**
- God is speaking, are we listening?**

Gideon is still unsure so asks God to confirm and reconfirm what He had said. How to hear God and ask for proof even amongst our doubts is part of our walk with Jesus. God graciously responds, not because of any unbelief, but because His purposes are divine. Gideon, really at heart was not looking for a sign, but for more understanding of God. This is addressing where we need God to grow us, as God knows what we need. Likewise, Gideon received what was needed, and you will too.

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk:** What do you know about the times of Isaiah was living in? What are your experiences of governments?
- How can you get closer to God this year?**
- Pray for one another cares responsibilities, fears, and failures, all the things we need to bring to Jesus.**

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Talk and share of times you believe that God has spoken to you.

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

Seeking confirmation on the voice of God needs relationship and:

1. Word Wisdom Ways Does it line up with the Bible? Does it line up with God's Word, His Wisdom, and His Ways? God's voice will never disagree with God's Word.

2. Principles, People, Peace

I. Am I abiding in the principles of church community?

II. Does Godly counsel agree?

III. Do I have peace?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

Speak to me Lord Jesus. Your present life problems, are you seeing it as you just want God to remove them, or to change you?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

How can you help someone who doesn't yet know God hear God?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

If you're in a situation right now, and you need a word from God. I want to encourage you to take some time, enter his presence, and seek the Lord.