

Hearing God's Voice

week 3: "Jesus: the Great Listener"

follow-up discussion questions

"And a Voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased'" (Mark 1:11)

1. What was something specific from the message this past Sunday that connected with you (an encouragement, a challenge, a new way of thinking)?
 - Were there any particular questions that lingered for you?
2. Most Christians know that Jesus is the Word (John 1:1), but many have never thought of Jesus as the Great Listener – and, in this, as an example to learn from in what it means to listen to God's Voice...
 - *Why have we often not thought of Jesus this way, and does this open up for us?*
3. Cast your mind across the big and little events of Jesus' life (birth, childhood, baptism, wilderness, ministry, rejection, last days, death, resurrection days). ***What are some of the key words/messages of Jesus' heard from the Father's Voice?***
 - List as many as you can think of (if possible, write them down)
 - Consider each – how might these "words from God" have impacted Jesus?
 - How might these "words from God" relate to or speak **to us**?
4. From Daniel's message and your knowledge of Jesus' life, how did Jesus listen for God's Voice? What can we learn about listening to God from watching Jesus?
 - *What are some ways that you might practically benefit from the 'listening rhythm' of Jesus' life in your own real world (time of day, physical posture—eg. kneeling, closed eyes- raised hands, music, silence)?*
5. As Daniel mentioned in his message and referenced from the life of Jesus, listening to God is both ***in solitude*** (eg. Mark 1:35) and ***in the hustle-and-bustle*** of daily demands (eg. Matthew 6:25-34).
 - Which are you more practiced in and what does this look like?
 - What are some practical ways that we can balance asking God for things (eg. Matthew 7:7-11) and simply being quiet and listening for what's on God's heart for us or for other?

Take some time to be still and pray together – for growth in humility, listening, and following...