

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Hearing the Voice of God**

1 Samuel 3:1-10



**These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.**



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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** What voices do you think impact our culture most today?

**Q2.** Has there been a time where you've heard God speak to you? If so, share what that experience was like for you.

## INTO THE WORD

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-10

**Q3.** What part of this story impacts you most?

**Q4.** Why do you think Eli encourages Samuel to approach God as a servant?

## GOING DEEPER

TO WHOM GOD SPOKE	BIBLE REFERENCE	HOW DID GOD SPEAK?
MOSES	Exodus 3	Through a Burning Bush
NOAH	Genesis 6	Directly
JONAH	Jonah 1	Directly
ELIJAH	1 Kings 19:12	In a Whisper
JACOB	Genesis 28:10-17	Through Dreams
GIDEON	Judges 6	Through Angels Signs and Wonders
NEBUCHADNEZZER (DANIEL)	Daniel 4&5	Through Dreams Writing on the Wall
BALAAM	Numbers 22:21-39	Through a Donkey
MARY & JOSEPH	Luke 1:26-38 Matt 1:18-25	Through Angels

**Q5.** Choose a Bible character above (or one of your own favourite interactions in the Bible) and read about their encounter with the Lord together. Discuss what it might be like for you to be in their shoes. Would you respond any differently?

## **LET'S PRACTICE**

**Q6.** Reflect on what things you can do personally to help you hear and discern God's voice.

### **Q7 Choose 1 or 2 questions to discuss together**

What do you think stands in our way of hearing God speak?

Do I struggle with discerning God's voice?

How can I begin to practice listening now?

What do I do when God is silent?

### **In closing - spend some time practicing hearing God's voice**

- Read a passage of scripture OUT LOUD (Psalm 34)
- Re-read the passage quietly to yourself
- Ask God to show you if any words or phrases stick out to you
- Allow God to show you why He is pointing this particular section out to you
- Share what God showed you with the group
- Pray together over what God has spoken to you