



**Date & Sermon Series:**

October 21/22, 2017; Whisper

**Speaker: Mark Batterson**

**Scripture Focus:** 1 Kings 19:11-12

**Note to Leaders:**

This weekend we talked about hearing the voice of God. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

**Sermon Series Questions:**

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

**Specific Questions:**

1. Pastor Mark says there are seven love languages that help us hear God: Scripture, desires, doors, dreams, people, promptings, and pain- with Scripture being the primary way. Which are you able to "hear" best? Which is the hardest for you to "hear"?
2. One of Pastor Mark's life mottos is, "Do hard things." What is one of your life mottos? What has it motivated you to do?

3. Prayer is a dialogue. In your prayer life, how can you commit to listening more instead of talking?

4. According to science journalist and New York Times columnist Maggie Koerth-Baker, "Just because you can't hear a sound doesn't mean it isn't there." When was the last time you heard God? Do you find yourself listening for an audible voice or a whisper?

5. Where do you need a miracle? Where do you need God to breathe into your life?

6. Pastor Mark says, "God's ability to speak is not limited to our ability to hear audibly!" Is God's voice the loudest voice in our lives? If not, whose is? If so, how do you ensure it remains the loudest?

### **Diving Deeper:**

#### **Read/Prayer**

Read and pray through 1 Samuel 3. Focus on when Samuel says, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." What changes can you make so your life aligns with this prayer? If you are willing, take a new posture this week when you are listening to God. Maybe it's getting on your knees. Maybe it's verbalizing once a day what Samuel said. Maybe it's spending more time in silence. Lean into hear God's whisper this week, and see what He says!

#### **Invitation/Challenge**

Invitation and Challenge- Invite God to speak into your life and take the time this next week to be silent and listen.

- Spend 15 minutes a day listening to God. (It may take getting used to the quiet. Be patient in the process.)
- Start with being intentional by reading *Whisper* to learn how to listen.
- Get a journal that just focuses on what God says. Write it all down so that you are able to discern the voice of God.
- Practice Lectio Divina- Read, Reflect, and Meditate on what God has to say about what you read in the Scriptures.