

# Hearing God's Voice

## week 4: "Scripture and the Voice of God"

*follow-up discussion questions*

**The big idea:** *If we want to become women and men who hear and know God's Voice, we need to have our minds continually renewed by and alive with God's revelation in scripture.*

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. What's your gut response to the statement – "God's Voice is not limited to the words of Scripture."
  - After you've shared your responses, consider the following:
    - If your gut says, "of course!", how do you hold this in tension with the unique role that the Bible – *inspired scripture* – is to play in a Christian's life?
    - If your gut says, "hold up!", how do you leave room for God to speak through other means (as God did in the past), while still honoring the unique authority of God's revelation in Scripture?
3. Think about an experience of hearing God's Voice in your own life. How did you "know" that it was God's Voice? (maybe consider Scott's remarks about a certain *quality/impact* of speaking, a certain *spirit/heart* and a certain *content*.)
4. Eugene Peterson once wrote, "*Reading scripture is not the same as listening to God. To do one is not necessarily to do the other.*"
  - How have you experienced this – reading without listening?
  - Are there any practices that help us listen to God when you read the Bible?
  - *If we're at a loss, is there anyone else we could learn from on this? (make a plan)*
5. At this point in this series and in your own journey as a follower of Jesus, what would you say to a friend if they asked you about hearing God's Voice – and how to hear God's Voice? What's core for you?

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