



Jan 2: Speak, Lord, for Your Servant is Listening

Icebreaker:

Name a time you got in trouble for not listening.

Message Bible Text:

1 Samuel 3:1-11; Key verse 1 Samuel 3:10

Discussion Questions:

1. Verse 1 says "in those days the word of the Lord was rare." How does this compare to the times we are living in today?
2. Why do you think it took Samuel so long to recognize it was God speaking to him? (vs 7-8)
3. Eli helped Samuel to discern that it was God speaking to him. Who helps you discern in your life?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Amos 8:11; Psalm 78:1; Eph 1:17

Discussion Questions:

1. How did God first reveal himself to you?
2. How do you discern God's will for your life?
3. In what area of your life do you specifically need God's discernment over the next 40 days?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Will you commit yourself to 40 days of prayerful discernment?
- Consider what intentional steps do you need to take to build a stronger prayer life. ("You either schedule Him in, or you schedule Him out.")

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Thanks be to God for all blessings provided to our congregation in 2021.
- Pray that each individual of our congregation would develop strong personal prayer habits.
- Pray for our elders and deacons as they discern God's leading for our church.
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Memory Verse:

Ephesians 1:17 - I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.