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**Series: PRAYER – Upward. Inward. Outward.**

**Sermon: Hearing The Shepherd's Voice – John 10**

### **Why We Really Need To Hear The Shepherd's Voice**

- Psalm 23, John 10:4, 27, 10
- 1. Hearing the Shepherd's voice is the game changer in life
- 2. Not hearing his voice leaves us at the mercy of the Thief
- 3. The Shepherd speaks into all areas of our life for our good
  - John 10:11
- 4. People will experience a better version of ourselves
  - Psalm 139:23-24
- 5. Communion with God needs Communication with Jesus
  - John 10:3, 14-15

### **The Kind Of Heart That Grows To Recognize His Whispers**

- Isaiah 50:4-5 (NASB)
- 1. Studies to know and live the scriptures - "*tongue of disciples . . . with a word*"
- 2. Meets the Lord in the quiet of the morning for prayer - "*He awakens me morning by morning*"
  - Psalm 143:8, 1 Kings 19:12-13, Matthew 12:19
- 3. Awakens with expectancy for the Lord to speak - "*he awakens my ear...*"
  - Jeremiah 29:12-13, Luke 11:9
- 4. Listens with the teachable attitude of a disciple - "*... to listen as a disciple*"
  - Psalm 143:10
- 5. Follows through on the last whisper you heard - "*And I was not disobedient, nor did I turn back.*"
  - John 10:27, Luke 11:28

### **Ways To Discern The Shepherd's Voice From Others**

1. Does it conform to the content of Scripture?
2. Does it reflect the spirit of Jesus Christ?
3. Does it seem like wisdom from above?
  - James 1:5; 3:15-17
4. Do spiritually mature people confirm it??
  - Proverbs 11:14

### **Communion**

- John 21:17, 1 Peter 1:8-9

### **Conversation starters:**

- Good morning Lord, I'm listening, is there anything you want to say or talk about?
- Jesus, is there anything you want to remind me of today?
- Lord is there anything you have asked me to do that I haven't done yet?
- Search me, O God, and know my heart and thoughts! Is there any offensive way in me?
- Jesus, what do you want me to know today?
- Jesus is there anyone we need to especially pray for today?
- Lord, is there someone you want me to bless today? How?