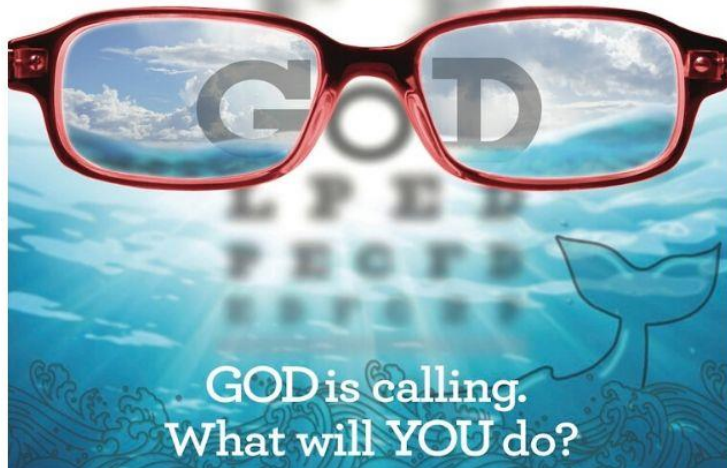


SERMON SERIES

SEEING 2020



“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:1-4
NRSV

“Voice Recognition”

January 10, 2020

In the midst of so many _____ speaking, God, too, is speaking.

Jesus, in John 10, makes its unquestionably clear: It is _____ to recognize/discern God’s voice – even in the presence of many voices.

Just as _____ learn how to understand the signs of nature, so too can we understand how to better hear God’s voice. Is. 1:3 & Jer. 8:7

The Good Shepherd (John 10)

- 1) The Good Shepherd is fully _____ and trustworthy. (1-2)
- 2) The Good Shepherd knows His sheep _____. (3)
- 3) The Good Shepherd leads us to _____. (4)
- 4) The Good Shepherd _____ His Sheep. (11)

“Discernment of spirits is a lifelong task. I can see no other way for discernment than to be committed to a life of unceasing prayer and contemplation, a life of deep communion with the Spirit of God.”

-Henri Nouwen

Hearing God comes from time spent with the Lord and _____.

Three Factors of God’s Voice

1) Quality:

While God’s voice doesn’t argue with us, God’s voice does speak words of grace and second chances. #1Cfridays

The God that Jonah ran from is a God of _____ and forgiveness.

2) Spirit:

When we hear a voice, we can measure it up to the life of _____.

3) Content:

Does the content of this voice match the content of the _____?

A _____ relationship with God is what we are aiming for.

Action Steps: 1) Every day, pray, “I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.” (Psalm 119:125)

2) At least once this week, read John 10 _____.

3) When you hear a voice that you think may be from _____, examine its quality, spirit, and content.