

Hearing from God

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read 1 Samuel 3.1-19

Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.'

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

- What voices are speaking to you today? i.e. social media, friends etc. Do you think you spend too much time listening to the voice of social media?
- How does culture negatively speak to us? What impact does it have on our lives?
- Do you struggle to hear from God? And if yes, why?
- How have you heard God speaking to you? What is it like, what has your experience been?
- Do you regularly and intentionally give space for God to speak to you? What helps you in hearing God's voice?
- How can we tell if it God's voice speaking to us? What did Samuel do to discern this?
- How challenged were you by Clare's points about hearing God in the night hours? Is this something you think you could explore?
- What can we do in our day-to-day lives to hear God clearer? What could you do as a hub this week to encourage each other in this?

Big Idea: 'It is normal for followers of Jesus to hear him speaking to them and to be guided by his voice in their lives.'

Take time as a group to give space to listening to God for one and another. Quieten your heart and then ask God to give you a picture, a Bible verse or a word of encouragement for someone else in the group.

Share the words and pictures and see how much they resonate.

Pray for one another that God would increase our ability to hear from Him, and that we would give more space to listening to Him.

Ask God to give you a message for your friends outside of church over the next week. Pray for an opportunity to share it.