

Hearing God in your story.

Why do we communicate? What is healthy communication? What does it require?

Who or what have been some of the most significant influences in your understanding of God?

Why would God communicate with us?

"No problem can be solved by the same consciousness that caused the problem in the first place."

– Albert Einstein

According to the passage below, consider what the purpose of the Bible is in your story.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Can you describe at least 3 qualities you would find in the life of a person who is very wise?

Matthew 7:24-29

How can you become wise in your own story?

Wise or foolish, everyone has storms. Can you share about a storm from your life?

Recommendation: share an example when you had a storm in life as a foolish builder.

God's Word does not prevent storms, but how could God's Word have made a difference in any of the storms in your life so far?

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"There is a lot of difference between listening and hearing." – G.K. Chesterton

Mark 7:1-13

The stories of the Pharisees prevented them from hearing Jesus' story.

Why was Jesus so strong in his response to people *letting go of God's commands and holding on to the traditions of men*?

What do traditions of men do to God's story or your story?

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What role do your thoughts and attitudes play in your life story?

Hebrews 4:12-13

How do you understand the description of scripture as "alive and active?"

Is God only interested in your behavior in your story?

How do you feel about God knowing everything about you? More or less comfortable?

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Why would we communicate with God?

Intimacy = *to know and be known by another*. How do you make yourself known to God?

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus provides a blueprint of prayer (v.5-8), a mindset for prayer (v.9-10) and God's desire for you (v.11-13).

"I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping."

It doesn't change God, it changes me." – C.S. Lewis

What could a daily, relational time with God look like using what we learned today?

Reading before our next talk:

What does each passage tell you about the role of the Bible in your story?

1 Timothy 4:16 Mark 12:24 John 8:31-32 James 1:22-25 2 Peter 1:20-21