



Sunday, May 15, 2010

Opening Question: *(goal: to initiate conversation and help us learn more about the people in our group)*

Would you really like to be spoken to by God?

REVERB- Noun- to be repeatedly reflected in conversation

(goal: to discuss what we heard in the message and to dig deeper)

- Reread today's passage: 1 Samuel 3
- Was there anything in the message that was particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
- Dig Deeper into your beliefs about listening to God in prayer
 - Do believe that God would ever speak to you personally? Why or why not?
 - How do you discern and recognize the voice of God? How do you know when it is God speaking to you?

REVERB- Verb- to put into action

(goal: to offer accountability for applying biblical truths to our lives)

- What does this Bible passages call for followers of Christ to do? To become?
- Do you make time to listen to God? If so, what does this time of listening look like for you? What do you do to make yourself ready to hear from God? Describe this to the group.
- What, if anything, will change in your prayer life as a result of your conversation about prayer with the group?
- For further study and reflection on this topic of listening to God, I encourage you to read Dallas Willard's book *Hearing God – Developing a Conversational Relationship with God* (Intervarsity Press: Downers Grove, 1999).

Optional: Children's Activity (at home or in the group time)

Play the telephone game as a family. Talk about how easy or difficult it is to listen and repeat the same message from person to person. Talk with you children about what is needed in order to listen to someone well.