

Value His Voice Robert Morris

Focus

When you value the voice of God, you will make a commitment to spend time with Him. By providing a time and a place to meet with Him, you can prepare an atmosphere to hear His voice.

Fun

Name an activity you enjoy indoors when there's inclement weather. Have you ever purposely done an outdoor activity despite the bad weather, such as hike in the rain or barbeque in the cold?

Review

Key Scriptures: Exodus 19:10–11, 19; 2 Chronicles 20:17; 1 Samuel 3:1; Psalm 46:10; 1 Chronicles 28:19; Habakkuk 2:2

• Set an appointment.

God comes to a prepared atmosphere. Just like God prepared a time and a place to meet with Moses and speak to him, we can prepare a time and a place to meet with God to hear His voice.

• Be still and worship.

The most important thing we can do is be still and worship, before praying and reading the Bible. God even fights our battles during our times of stillness and worship.

• Pray and read.

We can begin prayer with whatever is on our heart. After we give God our burden, we're able to go further with Him and hear His voice. Then, read any Scripture in an easy-to-understand Bible translation.

Listen and write.

The most practical way to hear God is to read Scripture and then write what you believe God is saying. You will then start to understand what God is speaking to you through the passage.

Group Dynamics Idea Play soft worship music for the group and spend a few minutes of quiet time together. Explain that members can practice being still before God. During these moments, God may show members individually of a place and a time for them to meet with Him.

Discuss

- 1. List some ways we can prepare an atmosphere for God. Why is it important to designate a date, time, and place?
- 2. How does valuing the voice of God lead to making a commitment?
- 3. Read Mark 1:35. Describe the time and place Jesus spent with His Father. What preparation was involved in this commitment?
- 4. Why should we choose an easy-to-understand Bible to read during an appointment, rather than a detailed study Bible?
- 5. Describe the commitment involved to go from hungering to hear God's voice to receiving personal joy in an intimate relationship with Him.
- 6. In what ways does remembering when and what God spoke to you show your journey as a believer?

Take Home

- Ask God to show you a place and time for you to meet with Him.
- Commit to your appointments with Him.
- Value that time by being still, worshipping, praying, and reading the Word.
- Listen and write what you believe God is saying to you. Learn to hear His voice.

Pray

Lord, we hunger to hear Your voice. We want to have an intimate relationship with You. Help each of us to know where and when to meet with You. We value Your voice, and we commit to listen to what You are speaking to us. Our love and our joy comes from knowing and hearing You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip You may want to show examples of journals or notebooks that can be or have been used for writing during an appointment with God. Also, some members may have read only one Bible translation, so consider making a list of various Bible translations and their differences for members to talk about. For example, NCV has short sentences, The Message is conversational, NIV is thought for thought, Amplified has explanatory words, etc.