



I'm A Sheep

Focus A believer has a relationship with God, and that relationship includes two-way communication. You *can* hear God's voice.

Open Who was your favorite singer when you were a teenager or young adult? What did you like about his/her music?

Read Hearing God is what distinguishes our lives as believers. Because we have a personal relationship with God, we can hear His voice. Without hearing God, we'll make decisions in the same manner as everyone else—gathering facts and trying to make the best decision possible.

Prayer is a two-way conversation: speaking to God *and* hearing God speak to you. Hearing God is not about something you *do*, but someone you *are*. According to John 10:1–4, you are a “sheep” and, therefore, can hear the voice of the Shepherd. When we are born again, we receive the ability to hear and speak spiritually, but we must be taught how to hear and speak with maturity. If you are a believer, you *can* talk to and hear God.

- Talk**
1. Do you believe you have heard God speak to you at some time? What was one of the first times you recognized that God was talking to you? What did He “sound” like?
 2. Have you experienced discouragement or frustration concerning your ability to hear God's voice at any point in your life (or right now)? In what way?

3. Do you ever fear that God will not speak to you? What is God's promise to believers in John 10:1–4, 27?
4. Why is it necessary to be taught how to hear God even though the ability to hear and speak spiritually is given to us as a gift upon our salvation?

Live

1. Does your perspective about your ability to hear God change in any way when you learn that hearing God is not a matter of devotion, how spiritual you are or “having enough faith,” but a matter of equipping and experience? How so?
2. Specifically, what would you most like to hear God speak to you about right now?

Pray

Thank the Lord that He has given you the ability to communicate with Him spiritually and that He wants to speak to you. Ask Him to help you learn to recognize His voice and follow His leading. Commit yourself to listen to and follow Him. Praise Him for giving you the opportunity to interact with Him—the Creator of the Universe.