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10:30AM - 12:30

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W O R K S H O P



# Part 1: 1. Hearing God's word in Jesus

a. "God sounds like Jesus."

Everything, prophecy, dreams, visions, tongues and interpretation, words of knowledge, all lead back to Him

b. More in the second half today



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## 2. Hearing God's Word in the Bible.

### Luke 24:27

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

a. “When it comes to hearing God, the Bible is the language of His heart. Nothing he says in any other way in any other context will ever override, undermine, or contradict what he has said in the Scriptures.”



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## 2. Hearing God's Word in the Bible.

### Luke 24:27

b. Jesus not only shows how the Bible speaks of Him from beginning to end but Jesus is the “hermeneutic”, the lens by which we interpret and understand the Bible.

c. Thus, hearing God's voice in the Bible



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# *Bible Project Video: Intro to the Bible*

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/how-to-read-bible-introduction/>



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# 3. Hearing God's Word in Prayer: Lectio Divina. Luke 24:32

*They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he talked with us on the road?”*

a. This is where we make the turn from *reading* the Bible to *praying* the Bible.

b. Show the Lectio Divina Course video, Session #1 - online



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# The Lectio Divina Course video, Session #1

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/778673?session=780664>



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# 4. Hearing God's Word in Prophecy.

## Luke 24:32

*They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?””*

a. The two New Testament Greek words for “God’s word to us” are *logos* and *rhema*.

These two words can be used interchangeably.

“rhema” can be used to describe God speaking to us prophetically.



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# 4. Hearing God's Word in Prophecy.

## Luke 24:32

b. As the Apostle Paul writes, “The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging, and comfort” [1 Corinthians 14:3]



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# 4. Hearing God's Word in Prophecy. Luke 24:32

c. Samuel and Eli. 1 Samuel 3

Find your Eli

“I am going to Shanghai and sit on a bench”



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# 4. Hearing God's Word in Prophecy.

## Luke 24:32

d. To get started use this ABC filter: Is it affirming [1 Cor. 14:3]

*<sup>3</sup> But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.*

Is it Biblical.

Is it Christlike.



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# 5. Hearing God's Whisper.

## Luke 24:15-16

*<sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.*

a. We are making another turn. From God's voice external, The presence of Jesus, the Bible, the prophetic word given by someone else, to the voice of God internal.



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# 5. Hearing God's Whisper.

## Luke 24:15-16

b. This is what people expect, the 'first place they go' when they think of 'hearing God's voice.'

c. But, What does God sound like? How do I think God should speak?



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# 5. Hearing God's Whisper.

## Luke 24:15-16

1 Kings 19: (12) ~ Pray: “Lord, I acknowledge that I need your help to hear your voice. I can’t do this on my own. Unless you open my eyes supernaturally, I will not see. Unless you open my ears by the power of your Spirit, I cannot hear. As I sit here today, would you make my heart burn just as you did for that couple on the Emmaus road? Override my blindness from my lack of paying attention, open my eyes to perceive your presence in my life. Give me ears, and still my soul, to hear your whisper more and more.”



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# 6. Hearing God's Whisper in Dreams and the Unconscious. Luke 24:31

*Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*

a. Dreams, visions, and conscience, how does God speak in these



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# 6. Hearing God's Whisper in Dreams and the Unconscious. Luke 24:31

Job 33:14-16

*<sup>14</sup> For God may speak in one way, or in another,  
Yet man does not perceive it.*

*<sup>15</sup> In a dream, in a vision of the night,  
When deep sleep falls upon men,  
While slumbering on their beds,*

*<sup>16</sup> Then He opens the ears of men,  
And seals their instruction.*



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## 6. Hearing God's Whisper in Dreams and the Unconscious. Luke 24:31

c. Paul's man from Macedonia in Acts 16:9 (who may have been an angel)

Ask for God to speak to you through dream. You are open to this way of communicating.

Honor the dream by writing it down, as Daniel did. (Daniel 7:1) ~ *Daniel...wrote down the substance of his dream.*



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# 7. Hearing God's Whisper in Community, Creation, and Culture. Luke 24:30-31

*30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*

a. “Bigger” picture here: “When Jesus was born, God’s people had a Bible, prophets and prophecies, they knew God’s whisper in a still small voice as it was for Elijah. They had consciences, dreams and visions but it wasn’t enough!”



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# 7. Hearing God's Whisper in Community, Creation, and Culture. Luke 24:30-31

b. Eventually God's Word became flesh and lived among us as one of us. (John 1:14)



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# 7. Hearing God's Whisper in Community, Creation, and Culture. Luke 24:30-31

c. "There is no aspect of God's creation through which He does not and cannot speak" Romans 1:18-20

*<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*



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# 8. The Word, the Whisper, The Way.

## Luke 24:35

*Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*

a. “It took about three hours for the couple from Emmaus to realize that they were hosting the living Word of God. But the moment their eyes were opened, they overwhelming attitude was, “Yes!””



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# 8. The Word, the Whisper, The Way.

## Luke 24:35

b. Hearing became doing. - They walked back the 7 miles they just came, back to Jerusalem where they found the disciples and told what happened. (Luke 24:35)



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# 8. The Word, the Whisper, The Way.

## Luke 24:35

c. This is the pattern: The more we say yes to Jesus, the more familiar we are with his voice, and value this kind of ‘knowing’, the more we look at life with wonder and joy and say, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us?’”



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# Part 2: Hearing God's Word in Jesus

- A. "Hear", from the Shema. [Bible Project video]
- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/shema-listen/>



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“Listening to and distinguishing God’s voice is foundational.”

B. We have been made, “hard-wired” with the ability to walk and talk with God.

Much of the world accepts this as normal, some do not. Adam and Eve, Moses spoke with God ‘face to face.’



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# On the Road to Emmaus

*13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.*

Jesus engages them conversationally.

Jesus helped them to hear about Him in the Bible

Jesus met them through a meal together.

Jesus spoke prophetically and their eyes were open.

Jesus spoke to them inwardly when they said, “Did not our hearts burn within us”

**\*It’s all built on a personal encounter with Jesus!**



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# Part 2: Hearing God's Word in Jesus

2. Only two things are needed: the ability to recognize his voice and readiness to follow. "Hear, then listen."

D. "It is Christ himself, not the Bible, who is the true Word of God", wrote **C.S. Lewis**. "The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to him."



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## Part 2: Hearing God's Word in Jesus

E. “Any revelation that claims to be from God, therefore, but does not sound like Jesus, and fails to push us deeper into relationship with Jesus is fundamentally not Christian, no matter how supernatural it seems how profound it sounds, and how many Bible verses come wrapped around its delivery.”



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# Part 2: Hearing God's Word in Jesus

F. Worship. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" Hebrews 12:2

Hymns, Classical, [Bach, Handel, or Mendelssohn], Aretha Franklin singing "Amazing Grace" or Chance the Rapper doing "How great is our God."

A walk, silence, time with an animal, painting, or drawing, playing an instrument.



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# Questions/Discussion

1. Is there a time in your life when Jesus himself 'drew near'?

How did He speak?

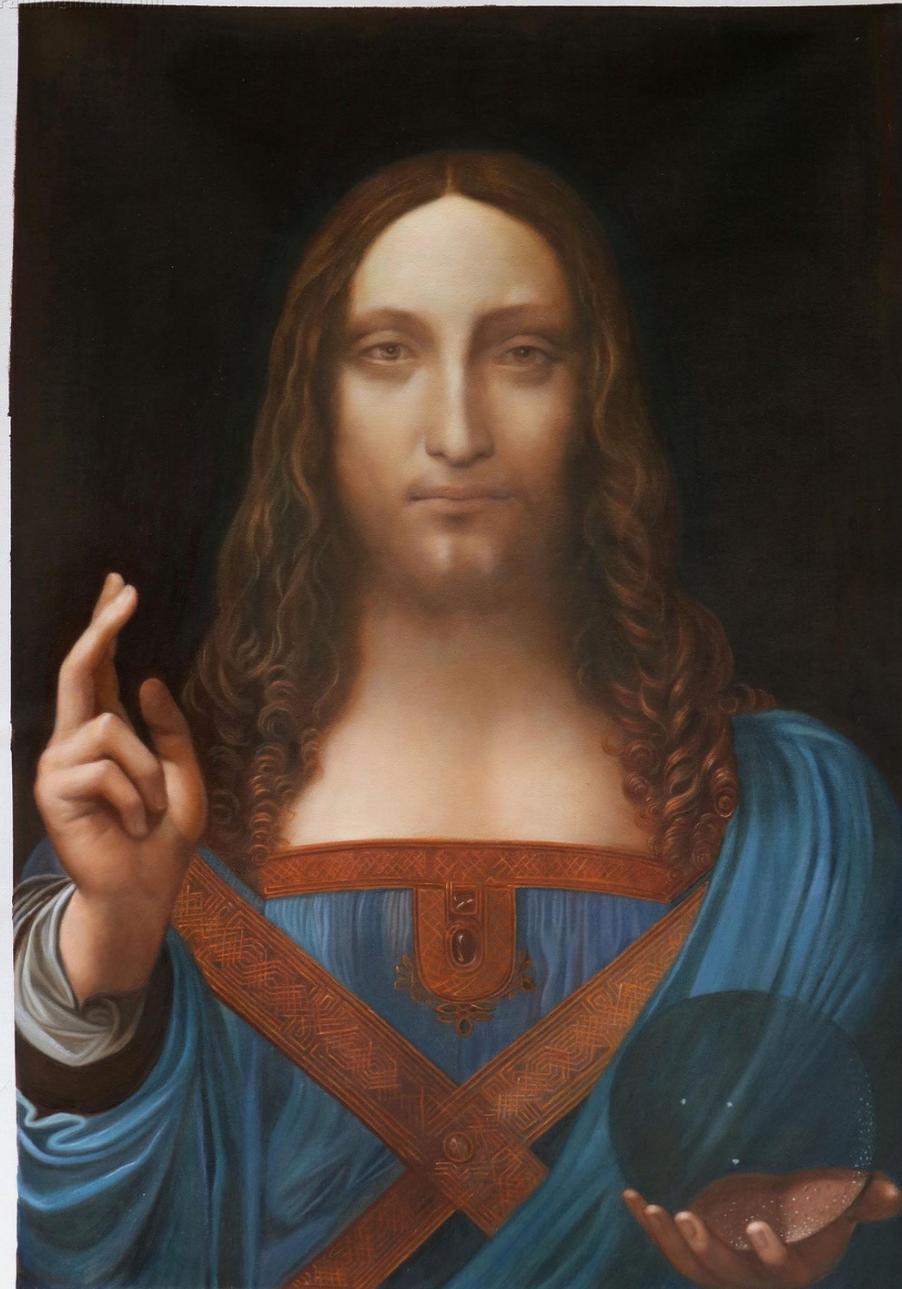
What did he say?

Do the circumstances of that encounter reveal anything about your own predisposition when it comes to hearing God?



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# In a group...



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# In a group...

- Does anything about this portrait of Jesus feel ‘familiar’ to you?
- Anything that you recognize in his features?
- In what ways do you perceive and experience Jesus differently from the way Leonardo da Vinci experienced him?
  
- Take time to share testimonies of how you became a follower of Jesus. At the end of each person’s story, go round the group, each saying, “The thing that story shows me about Jesus is...”



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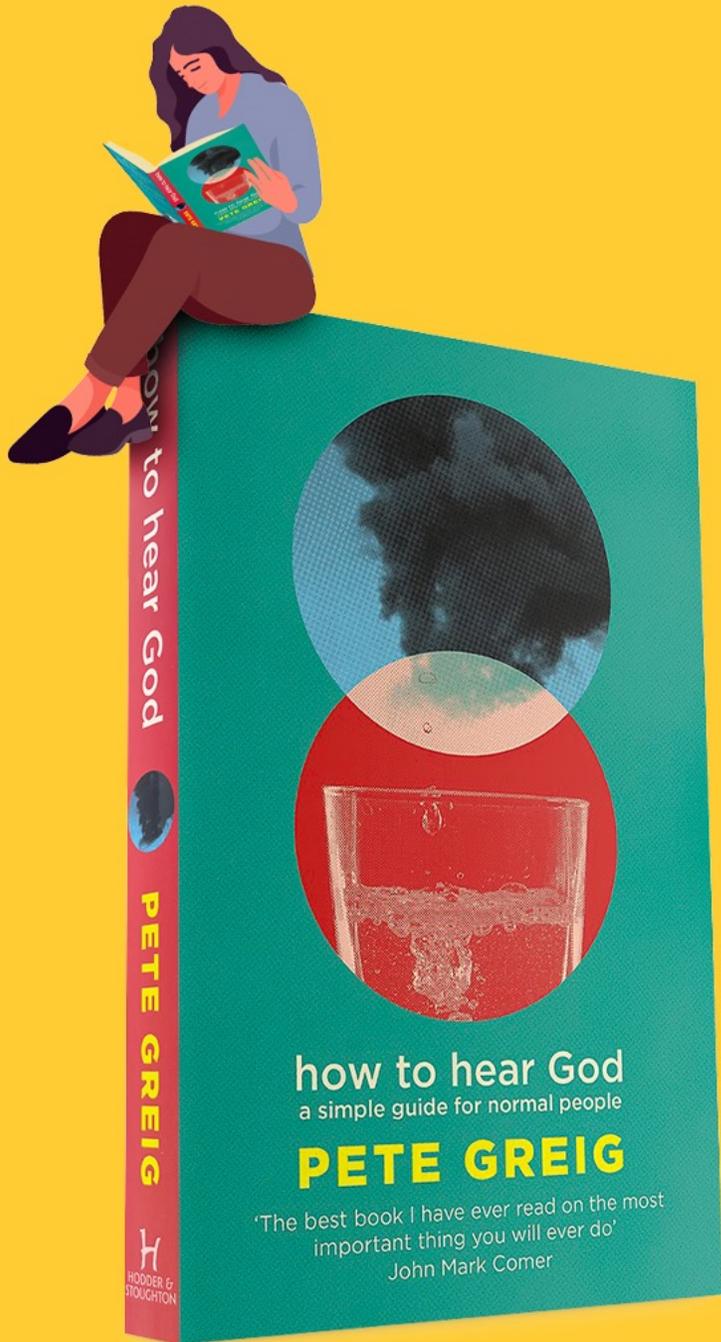
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