

2. Hearing the Word of God - Biblical examples - discussion

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Joshua

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- 6: 1-5 Victory at Jericho = How to achieve it
- 7 :2-5 Defeat at Ai
- 7: 10-12 Listened and obeyed
- 8: 1-29 Story of Ai

New Testament

- John 1: 1-2,14 Word = flesh
- Mark 9:7 – The Son whom I love – listen to him
- John 10:27 – My sheep listen to my voice.

Acts of the Apostles

- 9:4 Saul why do you persecute me
- 9:5 Who are you Lord
- 9:6 I am Jesus whom you are persecuting . Now get up and go into the city, you will be told what to do

3. Blocks to hearing the Word of God

4. Actions

In small groups:

Describe how and when **You** last heard God speaking to you.

Say “ I love you Jesus” and listen for the response

Pray in tongues – listen to God speaking in and through the tongues



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Cain = separated from His presence

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- 7 :2-5 Defeat at Ai. They did not refer to Gods plan AND there was sin in the camp.
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 - symbols used - methodology (not the world's way)
 - total victory was demanded and won

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Acts of the Apostles

- Acts 8:26-40 Phillip and the Ethiopian
From a revival to a desert
Established the foundations of a large church following in Northern Africa!
Consider – angel (Lukan), Spirit , and revelatory Word operating

Listen – actively, expect constantly – and respond

1 Cor 12:31 -³¹But eagerly desire^[e] the greater gifts.

1 Cor 14

¹Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. ²For anyone who speaks in a tongue^[a] does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.^[b] ³But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. ⁴He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. ⁵I would like every one of you to speak in tongues,^[c] but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues,^[d] unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.