

<p>growing as maturing multiplying disciples</p>		<p>19 February 2023</p>	<p>John 10</p>
<p>Hearing Jesus' Voice</p>			
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Summary: Pastor Mike finishes this discipleship series by looking at John 10 and the imagery of the shepherd and his intimate relationship with his sheep. He then invites us to see that although Jesus is not physically present, He is still with us and continues to speak to us. In this message we identify some of the ways Jesus uses to communicate to us and provides some guidance on how to confidently discern Jesus' voice amid all the lies, noise, and misleading voices vying for our attention and affection.

Read: **John 10**

Big Question:

- What does a disciple of Jesus Christ actually look like in the real world?
- How does one actually function as a disciple of Jesus Christ, 24/7 in the real world?
 - How do you respond to those questions?

Reflecting on these verses

- What stands out to you in these verses?
- Mike listed 12 ways that God speaks today.
Which way(s) have you experienced?
 1. Jesus' written voice
 2. preached word
 3. special gifts of the Holy Spirit
 4. books
 5. trusted friends and counselors
 6. angels
 7. dreams
 8. circumstances
 9. peace
 10. restlessness or holy discontent
 11. conscience
 12. the Inner Voice
- Mike listed 5 safeguards or ways in which we discern Jesus' voice from all the other voices
Why are these vital?
 1. always speaks in line with Scripture
 2. always speaks in line with the character of Jesus
 3. always tells us to do the "Jesus-like" thing
 4. always draws us closer to Him
 5. the Inner Voice does not argue
- Reflecting back on the last couple of weeks and flesh and spirit and spiritual disciplines [abstinence & engagement] how do those practices enable us to rightly hear God's voice?
- How often and how willing do you say "Here I am, Lord. Speak, your servant is listening"?