

**Sermon Series: *Learning to Listen: for God's Voice & for God's Will*:** One of the greatest benefits of our salvation has to be that of hearing God speak to us personally. There can be no intimate relationship with our heavenly Father without it. But, as easy as it is for us to speak to Him, the average Christian has a hard time hearing His voice. This is not the way the Lord intended it to be. Learning to clearly distinguish God's voice is invaluable. Instead of going through life blindly, we can have the wisdom of God to guide and protect us.

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### **The Listening Matrix**

- A. Stop Running**
- B. Listen to the Bible**
- C. Listen to Godly Counsel**
- D. Listen in Prayer**

### **Habakkuk 2:1-4 The four keys to hearing God's voice are:**

1. **Stillness:** Quiet yourself so you can hear God's voice.  
*"I will stand my watch"*
2. **Vision:** Look for vision as you pray.  
*"And watch to see"*
3. **Listening:** Recognize God's voice as spontaneous thoughts that come upon your mind.  
*"What He will say to me"*
4. **Journaling:** Write down the flow of thoughts and pictures.  
*"The the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision"*

### **LifeGroup Questions:**

**BEGIN IT (5min)** – Time spent in praise and prayer to begin the study.

**OPEN IT (10min)** – What person or group did you and your friends "follow" when you were a teenager?

**EXPLORE IT (60min)** – Read Habakkuk 2:1-4 and review Sunday's sermon outline together. Share additional comments or notes from people in the group.

1. How does this sermon inspire or motivate you?
2. Is there anything that applies directly to you?
3. To what extent will people go to hearing from God?
4. How can we better hear the voice of God?

**APPLY IT (15min)** – What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?

### **LifeGroup Group Rules**

1. *Anonymity:* We protect the identities of all group members.
2. *Confidentiality:* What is said in the group stays in the group. Nothing that is said or done in the group is ever discussed outside of the group (with-out permission).
3. *Self-Focus:* We are here to work on ourselves, not on others. We use "I" statements. We share our own experiences, insights, and feelings.