

Sermon Series: Learning to Listen: for God's Voice & for God's Will

Message Summary: Do you ever feel like you and God have drifted apart and that the love and joy you once experienced with Him has faded? If you do, you're not alone. **Most Christians feel like the experiences they have with God diminish over time** and that they need another touch. But that is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible says God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). If that is true—and it is—who moved? As born-again believers, we are all capable of living in the fullness of God every day of our lives. God is continually pouring out His love, joy, peace, revelation knowledge, and every other blessing. Today we're reminded how to stay full of God.

Daily Staying Full of God

"They knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." Romans 1:21

1. Glorify God

"Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes". (Mark 9:23)

2. Thankfulness

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His Name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations." (Psalm 100:4,5)

3. Imagination

"Brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things. . . and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:8,9)

4. A Good Heart

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things." (Matthew 12:35)

LifeGroup Questions:

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

OPEN IT (10min) – In your opinion, what is the strongest evidence for God?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Romans 1:20-23 and review Sunday's sermon outline together. Share additional comments or notes from people in the group.

1. In Romans 1:21,22 what happens to the hearts and minds of people who reject God?
2. In Romans 1:23 when people deny God, what do they often put in His place?
3. How does God want us to respond to Him?
4. In what ways can you lessen your dependence on the things you are tempted to "worship" or serve more than God?
5. What changes have you made in your personal prayer life this past week?

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?