

Echoes and Whispers

[questions]

Is God silent?

Is God distant?

Does God care?

[whispers]

1 Kings 19

[learning to listen]
noise

Going Deeper—Living it Out

What comes to mind when you think about hearing God's voice?

Why does it seem so difficult to hear God's voice?

Look at 1 Kings 19. What is going on in Elijah's life? Why does God choose to speak to Elijah in this way?

Describe the noise that fills your life.

How does that noise get in the way of your hearing God's voice?

Is it possible that taking time to learn to hear God's voice in the silence can help you discern His voice through the noise as well? Explain.

[putting it together]

Jeremiah 29.13

John 10.3-5

Genesis 28.16

Acts 17.11

[big questions]

Are you paying attention?

What might be getting in the way of you being able to really listen?

Are you learning to recognize His voice? How?

Listening: Hearing God

Going Deeper—Living it Out

Sometimes God seems silent, why? Is it possible that God is actually speaking but now saying what we want Him to say? Explain.

What are some things you can do to be more intentional about learning to hear and recognize God's voice?

How can you come to the place where God's voice is more interesting than the other voices?

MEMORIZE THIS!

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

-John 10.4 (NIV)