How to Listen to God Is He still speaking? Instructor Reverend Joffre Swinney

Why is God still Speaking today?

- 1. He Loves us just as much as he loved the people of the Old and New Testament days.(John 17:20-23)
- 2. He speaks today because we need His direction for our lives (Joshua 1:8-9)
- 3. He speaks today because He knows we need the comfort and assurance as the believers of old. (Ephesians 6:22) & (2nd Thessalonians 2:17)
- 4. All believers should know the voice of God. (John 10:26-30)
- 5. We should be receptive to the voice of God. (Hebrews 4:6-7)
- 6. God is still concerned about the church. (Revelations 3:5-6, Matthew 16:17-18)

*Special Note

Just because God allows things to happen to us good or bad doesn't mean he is trying to get our attention. (Matthew 5:45)

When we call on his name we should want something (Deuteronomy 5:11)

God also communicates to us through His Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8) (1st Corinthians 2: 9-12, John 16:7-14)

When God speaks His first goal is that we may comprehend the truth(2nd timothy2:15, 3:14)

Two kinds of listeners:

(Passive Listener, and Aggressive Listener). <u>Passive</u> Listeners really don't care if they hear from God. <u>Aggressive</u> listener comes knowing and expecting to hear from God. (Both Matthew 7:24-26, Acts 17:11)

Are you listening: (1st Samuel 3:4-10)

We must learn to be quite before the Lord(Psalm 46:10, Psalm 62:5)We must anticipate hearing Him speak(Jeremiah 33:3)We must learn how to sit patiently before God(Psalm 46:10)We must learn to meditate upon his Word(Psalm 1:2)