



STUDY GUIDE

October 31, 2021

Message Series: Origin
Message Title: Hearing God's Voice
Teaching Pastor: Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

What was your favorite road trip or vacation that you remember from your childhood? OR What is one favorite activity from your childhood you wish you could do now?

Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for Your Word that teaches us about our Origin story and Your incredible love for us. Open our hearts to learn what You want to show us about our ancestor Abraham and the legacy we have through him. Give us wisdom, insight and understanding. Thank You in advance for all You are going to do in and through us as we seek You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Get Started:

"God required Abram to follow blindly, trust completely, submit to him unconditionally." - Pastor Brian Hughes.

Read Hebrews 11:1-2 and 8-19.

- What surprises you about Abraham's story? What about his story is most impactful to you?
- What would your life look like if you trusted the Lord completely and submitted to Him unconditionally?

"I don't know what God is calling you to do, but I know that you and I will never have the details of the plan. God just doesn't operate that way. Followers of God have to trust Him to speak into our lives along the way. Like a kid skiing on a leash, our Father is behind us, telling us where to turn, and what to do and when to slow down and when to stop. And we yell back now and then, Dad - are you still there? And He speaks, "I'm here. I've got you. You just keep going." -Pastor Brian Hughes

Read Isaiah 30:21.

- How do you hear God's voice? What are some spiritual practices that help you hear from Him and know where He is leading you?
- How do you discern God's will and desire from your own will and desire?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7.

- What does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight? Have you ever experienced a situation where you obeyed God even when it didn't make sense?

Watch and Discuss Video: (running time approximately 10:58 minutes)

- Are you willing to do whatever God tells you to do? If you're not able to answer yes to that, what would help you get to the place where you could say yes?
- Are you able to carve out some time this coming week to 'be still'? What does that look like for you?
- If you heard God telling you to do something, would you be in a position to respond right away? If not, what is one thing you can work on to get ready, or one step you can take to get closer to being ready?
- On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you in God? What would make you even more confident? (Note: there are plenty of examples of great people of faith who lacked confidence.)

Reflect and Commit:

"Listen - the voice of God is calling to you. He's got an adventure for you. It will leave you with all kinds of unanswered questions, but will end with you being a blessing and being blessed, just like Abraham. His Origin story is our legacy. Listen for God's voice and follow. Imagine God walking behind you, whispering in your ear. Turn here. Slow down. At times - maybe this moment right here, you yell back, "God, are you still there. You got me?" Hear his voice. "I'm here. I'll always be here. And I've got you." -Pastor Brian Hughes

Read Hebrews 11:6 and Romans 1:17.

- Take a minute or two to reflect on the following question: What is my next right step to follow God? Share your thoughts with your group.

Pray:

Lord, thank you that we can hear Your voice when we open the pages of Your written Word and listen for Your voice. We don't have to know the details of Your plan but we can seek to know You. Help us to be willing, to be still, to be ready, and to be confident in You. Help us to do the next right thing that You put in front of us and to trust You. Thank you for Your promise that You will be with us always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.