



STUDY GUIDE

July 7, 2024

**Message Series:**

Under the Influence

**Message Title:**

The Voice of God

**Teaching Pastor:**

Brian Hughes

**Warm-up/Icebreaker:** (10 min.)

Have you ever been lost in a crowd as a child away from a parent or lost sight of your own child in a public place? Describe the situation.

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, thank You for helping us create a space for leaning into Your teachings. It is our hope that we continue to walk so closely with You and that we hear Your voice clearly. We value this time to slow down and reflect on our relationship with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Get Started:** (30 min.)

*"In this series, we've been talking about being under the influence of all kinds of voices. Voices from the past, voices around us in this moment. Today, I want to talk about the voice that matters more than any other - the voice of God. For many people, this is a great mystery. I've met with thousands of people in 25 years of ministry who felt the voice of God was elusive and unheard. But Jesus said this: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27, NIV)" -Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Read 1 John 5:14-15.**

- Do you believe that God hears you when you pray? What has been your prayer experience in your life from childhood and throughout your life?
- How does praying according to God's will differ from praying according to one's own will?

**Read James 4:2-3, Jeremiah 33:1-3.**

- What does this teach us about God?
- Would you say that you genuinely hear from God? When is a time you heard him most clearly? What were the circumstances?

**Watch and Discuss Video:** (No follow-up video in the summer)

**Reflect and Commit:** (15 min.)

- Pastor Brian taught us that in order to fully experience God and hear from him, we need to incorporate four components into our spiritual walk, Bible, Prayer, Circumstances and Church. Which area is the clearest way you hear from God and which area do you need to invest more time?

**Read John 14:26.**

- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things and remind us of everything Jesus said. Share a time when you found yourself in a situation where the Holy Spirit reminded you of the truth of God.

*“God Speaks through the Bible, Prayer, Circumstances and the Church to reveal Himself, His Purposes and His ways. God doesn’t speak to promote your agenda. He speaks to advance His cause. What is His cause? That every person would know Jesus Christ, resulting in Full life here. Eternal life there. For every person.” -Pastor Brian Hughes*

- How does this change your perspective on prayer and hearing from God?

**Read Revelation 3:20.**

- What is one way you could open the door to God this week?

**Gather prayer requests and pray. (5-10 min.)**

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, we approach You with confidence knowing that when we pray according to Your will You will hear us, and if we know that he You hear us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of You. So, we ask Lord, that we would hear Your voice and know which direction You would like us to go. We desire to follow You more nearly every day. We ask that You help us to consider others more and understand how we can serve those around us to help accomplish your mission of everyone knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. It’s in His mighty name we pray. Amen.