

FREQUENCY

A GATEWAY SERIES

Recognize Through Relationship Robert Morris

Focus We know we are sheep, and sheep hear the Shepherd's voice. God speaks to us because we are His friends. We must value hearing God's voice and make time in our lives to listen to Him. Our personal relationship with God is our highest priority, pursuit, and passion.

Fun What is your favorite summer memory as a kid, and why is this memory special?

Review Key Scriptures: Genesis 3:8–10; Luke 10:38–42

- **Our Highest Priority**

A personal relationship with God is our highest priority. God created us to have a personal relationship with Him. God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He had a personal relationship with them, and they knew and recognized His voice. Adam and Eve lost that personal relationship with God, but Jesus restored it.

- **Our Highest Pursuit**

In the Garden of Eden, there were two trees. God told Adam and Eve to eat from the Tree of Life. Living by the knowledge of good and evil is living by the tree of death. God doesn't want us to make decisions based on good and bad. He wants us to make decisions based on His voice.

- **Our Highest Passion**

In order to follow His voice, we must take time to stop and listen. Jesus said only one thing is needed: sitting at His feet and hearing His word. Pastor Robert and other ministers can teach us how to hear God's voice,

but only we can develop our personal relationship with God. Hearing God is about having a personal relationship with Him.

Group Dynamics Idea Plan a time when each person brings their favorite food, and have an interactive meal together. Be creative! Instead of dinner, you could do a huge brunch where everyone brings a favorite breakfast dish or plan a weekend to meet at the park for a picnic. Summer is a great time to be together, play together, and build relationships.

Discuss

1. Read Luke 10:38–42 (MSG). What stands out to you about this passage? How does this issue look in our lives on a daily basis?
2. Do you believe God speaks to us personally? Why or why not? If, yes, what does this look like for you?
3. Pastor Robert talked about living from the Tree of Life, instead of living from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. What do you think he meant by this statement? What does this look like in modern times?
4. What purpose does our conscience serve? What is the difference between living by God's voice versus living by our conscience?
5. Pastor Robert shared how he and Debbie hear God differently. Why is it so important for us to live by God's voice? What does hearing God's voice look like, sound like, or feel like in your life?
6. Can you share an example of a time you heard God's voice and then obeyed? What was the result?
7. Take time to commit to God that you will do everything you can to develop your personal relationship with Him. Set a time each day for you to stop and hear His voice.

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Our relationship with God is our highest priority.
- Our relationship with God is our highest pursuit.
- Our relationship with God is our highest passion.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You that You still speak to us today. We are so grateful that through Jesus our relationship with You has been restored. We commit to spend time with You each day and to listen for Your voice. Please open our ears to hear You in new ways. Open our hearts to understand You. Empower us to fully submit to You and to grow in our love relationship with You. In Jesus name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Encourage your group to be aware of others around them, like those they work with who are really lonely or going through a difficult time. Encourage them to invite those people to your group, to a church service, or to a summer picnic. This is a great way to encourage others and to build God's kingdom.