



Listening to God

BEING OPEN **to God**

You must be QUIET

Christianity requires listening

Still Small Voice – Sound of a low whisper

Not the wind, earthquake, nor fire, but a gentle whisper.

How might God speak to you?

- VOICE
- INNER VOICE
- NUDGE AND GUIDE

Getting Quiet – “Quick to listen, slow to speak” James 1:19

**We are to be silent before God, because
God Speaks**



ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

How do you feel in silence?

Review the sermon. What were the main points?

What stood out to you or raised questions for you?

What is the difference between being silent and listening?

What tricks and advice have you heard on how to be a better listener to someone?

After listing a few, think about how they might also relate to listening to God.

In **Matthew 13:14-16** Jesus talks about seeing and hearing, and those who miss the message. Why do you think people don't understand? How can you help?

Another challenge is that people (including ourselves) can "hear" from God exactly what we want God to say. Or sometimes people believe lies that are not from God. How do we know we are hearing from God and not deceiving ourselves? (consider Jeremiah 17:9 and surrounding verses)

How often do you experience solitude?

Be quiet before God – what happens?

Consider using this breath prayer this week:

In – Be still

Out – and know I am God.

Psalm 46:10