

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM

Sermon: Is That You God?

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Small Group Study for Week of May 2 -8

The Big Idea: God has an amazing desire to communicate with us, to talk with us. God still speaks to people, audibly, through impressions, visions and nature etc. The primary way He talks to us however, apart from His Son Jesus is through the Bible, the written Word of God. If we want to hear from God we need to be spending time in the word.

Group Reads: Deuteronomy 18:20

Questions:

1. How can saying, "God told me," be used to manipulate and control people?
2. Why can this be spiritual abuse?
3. Throughout history terrible things have been done in God's name. Have you ever been the victim of spiritual abuse - what happened?

Group Reads Jeremiah 6:9 and John 14:23,24

Questions:

4. Why do you think people would rather God speak directly to them than to hear Him through reading, His word, the Bible?
5. What do these verses tell us about the importance of the Bible?

Group Reads: 2 Timothy 3 and 4:1-5

Questions:

6. 2Tim 3:12 talks about persecution. In the sermon Pastor Wayne made the comment that every Christian will be persecuted as some time, however, if you are persecuted all the time it usually means you are a jerk (excuse the French) What did he mean by that?
7. What does Paul say that Scripture is useful for (verse 16)?
8. According to verse 17 what is the purpose of Scripture?
9. What does 2Tim 4:3-5 mean?
10. What do these verses tell us about the importance of reading and understanding the Word of God?
11. Given the history of how the Bible has been preserved and protected, and what God tells us the Bible is for, what does it say to you when people say they hear from God but that they don't want to read the Bible?

Conclusion to The Big Idea: God does want to talk to us, the primary way He does that is through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the living Word. The second main way He talks to us is through the written Word, the Bible. Saying that God speaks to me is a serious statement to make and one that if false led to death in Bible times. If we want to hear from God, to know His will and purpose in our life then the primary way to do that is to read His written Word, and through that, learn of the Living Word, Jesus.