Listening to God

Luke 2:46

- What can we apply from this example of a 12 year old Jesus?
- How might we help our children and grandchildren have this attitude?
  Pray and Model See Phil 2:5-7
- What are the characteristics of someone who listens and hears God?

Matt 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35

- Note: This situation is mentioned in each of the first three Gospels – significance?
- What is the context here?
- What is the Father communicating to the disciples (and to us)?
- How can we hear Jesus today? Cf Hebrews 2:1-4, 2 Peter 1:16-21, 1 John 1:1-4

John 10:3, 27

- How does one become one of Christ's sheep? What are the benefits?
- When do you usually hear the Voice of Jesus?
- How do you know it's Him?
- Why is it important that we hear His voice? Cf Jn 6:63, Heb. 11:3, Acts 20:32
  Note: Hearing His voice is not necessarily spectacular!

Matthew 13:3, 9, 12, 13.

- What is the context, timing and main lesson of this parable?
- What can be learned about Hearing from the parable of the sower?

Luke 10:39

- How do Mary and Martha model listening to Jesus?
- What is the difference between <u>Hearing</u> and <u>Listening</u>?

Revelation 3:20

- Who is this message directed towards?
- What does Jesus want?
- What response is invited?
- What can we apply from this passage?
  Think about it: Christ desires my fellowship!

James 1:19, 22

- What does James the half brother of Jesus have to say to his readers and to us about Listening to God?
  Quote: "When God speaks He doesn't stutter", Dr H. Hendricks

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- Tell us how God speaks to you?
- Are there any special passages about Hearing/Listening to God that come to your mind?
- Are there any special experiences of Hearing God you wish to share with us?

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Additional Notes

Some examples of God speaking in Acts: <u>Vision</u>: 9:10; 11:5; 10:10, 17; 16:9. <u>Group Consensus</u>: 13:2-3; 15:28.

Some examples of Jesus speaking with emphasis and wanting to be heard in John's Gospel (Not exhaustive)

John 5:19,24,25; 6:26,32,47; 8:51,58; 10:7; 12:24; 13:16,21,38.