**LET’S ASSESS IT!**

**Habakkuk 2**

Lesson 18 - Write the Vision – Discerning the Voice of God

Premise: Ministry is a movement. To fulfill God’s plan and purpose for our lives and for the life of our church, we cannot become complacent or stagnant. We must get *On the Move*! To accomplish this, we must honestly examine who we are, where we are, and what we are as a ministry, and with boldness, begin making the necessary changes to fulfill God call (Ephesians 2:10).

**DISCUSSION/DISCOVERY**

**Assess, Evaluate, Examine**

What are we assessing, evaluating, and/or examining?

* Our Statements – [1 Corinthians 1:10]
* Our Systems – 1 Corinthians 14:40
* Our Structure – [Exodus 18]
* Our Strategies – [ ]

Our Systems – Write the Vision – Discerning the Voice of God

God speaks to me. He reveals Himself to me *through His Word*, *through life’s circumstances*, *through nature*, and *through other people*.

Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:18-20; 2 Peter 1:21

In the Old Testament, God spoke audibly to and through His prophets. He also spoke through visions and dreams.

Genesis 15:1, 46:2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 2:27, 3:1-10 (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 9:3; 18:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 1:1, 2:1, 6:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah 1:2, 4, 2:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 1:1-3, 6:1, 7:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 2:19, 7:1, 8:1, 10:1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In the New Testament, specifically in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), Jesus was physically present to lead/speak with His followers.

God no longer speaks to us in an audible voice (as He did in the Old Testament times or when Jesus walked the Earth).

John 10:27 “My sheep ***hear my voice***, I know them, and they follow me.”

\*What does the voice of God/Jesus sound like?

How do I know if I am hearing the voice of God?

“It’s the nature of God to speak.” - A.W. Tozer

Have you ever tried to watch television or listen to the radio without turning it on? Of course not! You already know that if you don’t turn on the receiver, you’re not going to hear a thing. When you do turn them on, you fully expect to hear something!

How’s your spiritual receiver? Is it turned on?

The *voice* of God will always **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with the *WORD* of God.

**Number 18:19; 2 Timothy 3:16**

The *voice* of God will never **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the *WORD* of God.

* If you are uncertain, CHECK THAT VOICE AGAINST THE BIBLE.

God is neither hypocritical nor inconsistent. He is faithful and true.

**Revelation 19:11**; **Proverbs 30:5**; **Psalm 19:7**

When the voice speaking to us lines up with the Word of God, we can trust the speaker. It is not our own mind or the voice of another…it is the voice of the LORD.

**DIRECTION**

Assess – Evaluate - Examine

Read these verses this week:

Hebrews 10:23

Psalm 119:41-48

1 Kings 8:56

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Revelation 21:5

Revelation 22:6

Habakkuk 2:2-3