

God Speaks, We Listen



Background – This series is designed to show us the sovereignty of God and that He controls all things, no matter what our circumstances might say.

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – [Daniel 10:18-19](#)

Core Passage - [Daniel 10](#)

Take Away - When God speaks, we listen and learn important things.

Sermon Guide:

I. God wants to speak to us, so how do we listen and learn?

- 1) Develop a desire and humility to want to listen.
[Daniel 10:1-9](#)
- 2) Realize that angels are real and at work to help us.
[Daniel 10:10-14](#)
- 3) Don't be afraid of the message.
[Daniel 10:15-19](#)
- 4) Rejoice that God is fighting for us and will defeat evil one day.
[Daniel 10:20-11:1, Ephesians 6:12, 2 Kings 6:17](#)

II. How can we apply God's Word to our lives?

- 1) Pray and humbly ask God to speak to you as you read scripture. If you do not know where to begin reading, start with the book of John.
- 2) Praise and thank God for the fact that He loves us and wants to speak to us.

III. Family/Small Group Discussion

- 1) Pray – That the message of Daniel would encourage us to trust God for our future.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:
 - 1) As chapter 10 opens, what caused Daniel's deep concern?
 - 2) What do the angel's words to Daniel tell us about God's response to those who seek him ([10:12-14](#))?

- 3) Sometimes, we don't hear God speak or see Him respond to our prayers immediately. While it may be that we are asking for something that is not God's will ([1 John 5:14](#)) or asking with the wrong motives ([James 4:3](#)), other times, something might be happening that we aren't aware of that is delaying an answer (Daniel [10:12-14](#)). How do you feel when your prayers seem to go without a response? How should you respond when you are waiting for an answer?
- 4) How might Daniel's experiences encourage us to be persistent in prayer?
- 5) Pray together about delays in answered prayers. First, you might want to read and pray together [Psalm 8](#), which helps our heart to acknowledge God as the Authority in our lives. Ask God for guidance in understanding if you are doing anything that is causing the delay, for help in making any changes you need to make, and ask Him what He wants you to learn during the delay.