

Sermon Outline

Sermon Title: Hearing God Through His Word

Scripture: Mark 1:1-18

Big Idea: God desires to communicate with us while meditating on His Word

Lectio Divina - Reading God's Word to Hear God

1. **Read to hear with your heart → Think**

"Read the passage slowly, considering the invitation that reading Scripture is 'encountering God Himself or hearing His voice.'

Now that the words are familiar to you, please read them again. This time, also listen with the ear of your heart for a word or phrase that shimmers or stands out to you.... Let the Spirit bring it to you."*

2. **Reflect to understand with your mind → Ask**

"Read the passage again slowly. As you do so and for a few minutes afterward, reflect on the word or phrase that stood out to you. Why do you think these words resonated with you? Give yourself a few minutes to do this.

Then ask God, 'How does this connect with my life today? What do I need to know or be or do?'"*

3. **Respond to the Spirit's prompting → Say & Hear**

"Read the passage one last time, preparing yourself for what you want to say to God about what you think the Spirit might have said to you or what came to you.

Pray however you are led to pray. You might thank God for something or ask God for something."*

4. **Rest to assimilate → Be Impacted by God**

"You may wish to wait on God--to simply *be with* God. You may wish to pay attention to God, pondering especially how this passage adds to your wonder about God. ... Sit in the companionship of God--the One who seeks you."*

*Excerpts from Dallas Willard's book, *Hearing God*, pages 165-167



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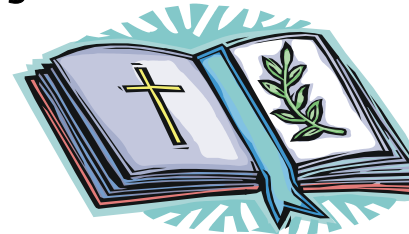
Walk in His Way

Unite in His Truth

Share His Life

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"Hearing God ...



... Through His Word."

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Sunday, May 13, 2018 Service

We are having prayertime before the morning English service from 10:15 AM and ending 10:45 AM.

Welcome & Call to Worship

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns" #234
"Above All"*

Announcements & Prayer

Communion

Testimony, with Roy

Worship in Song

*"Shout to the North"
"Living for Jesus" #372*

Offering

Gathering of and Prayer for Junior Church

Scripture Reading:

*Mark 1: 1 – 18
With Lawrence*

Sermon: "Hearing God Through His Word."

With Pastor Ralph Hardy

Closing Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation" #277

Benediction

Weekly Happenings

Sunday Worship:

English: 11:00 AM
Japanese: 9:30 AM
Korean: 12:30 PM

Prayer and Weekly Studies:

Wed. Night Study: Book of Romans

Community Outreach:

Monday Night ESL: All welcome tomorrow.

Church Family:

Church of the Week: **Johnston Heights Church**

Pray for the ESL program. Pray for Japanese & Korean language groups.

Pray for Pastor Ralph and his family in bereavement.

Pray for Winnie in Derby Centre.

Wally Smith passed away on March 14. Pray with family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries of the Month:

May 5, Yuriko; May 8, Lene; May 11, Roy & Yuriko (anniversary);
May 16, Aimée J; May 17, Shizuko; and, Ariana; May 19,
Andrew & Aimée (anniversary); May 20, Betty McM.

Special Meetings: