**Who Are You Hearing Sermon Discussion Notes – Dec 27 2015**

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1. Have you heard from God? What was it like? What happened?
2. How did you start hearing from God?
3. Have you heard God through His Spirit, scripture, people or circumstances?

Do you believe you can recognize God’s voice?

***John 14:2-5 -*** *The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”*

1. What are circumstances in your life (school, family, friends, good things, bad things, ect) that God could be using to speak to you about something now?
2. What do you think God can be saying to you?
3. Which of these have previously helped you discern God’s voice? Which of these can help you what you’re hearing recently?

**Fives Tests to Tell if God is Talking to You**

1. Test of scripture – Does it line up with scripture or is it against what the Lord already said in the bible?
2. Test of fellowship – Does your spiritual support group affirm it as they pray with you and listen to God with you?
3. Test of peace – Are you at peace with the Lord in what you believe he is telling you and the decision you’ve made?
4. Test of time – God is consistent and doesn’t change his message to you. Does he continue to speak to you and say the same thing?
5. Test of God’s character – is what you are hearing consistent with what you know of the heart of God?