

Hosanna

Week 1 – The Face Of The Man

Teaching Notes

God knows you because God made you.

He already understands us; He became a man so we could understand Him.

How Do We Communicate Like Jesus?

1. Listen to **Jesus**.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-5

2. Listen to your **Spiritual Family**.

Ephesians 4:11-13

3. Listen to the **culture**.

1 Corinthians 9:22

Small Group Discussion Guide

Overview

Following a list of rules without knowing Jesus leads to cold, dead, religion every time, because it's knowing who Jesus is that leads to living how Jesus lived, not trying to follow a list of rules by our own willpower. The first face that is a picture of Jesus is the face of the man - Jesus as a communicator. And the first way that He communicated with the world was by listening, not talking. Heard people hear people, so if we want others to listen to our message about Jesus, we have to start the same way he did - by listening and hearing.

Opening Question

No judgement here. Are you a better listener or talker? Why?

Read & Discuss

1. Read *Ezekiel 1:4-10*

Discuss This can be a hard verse to understand. What does it say about God to you that He used the four faces on the cherubim to point to the four different characteristics of Jesus?

2. Read *Psalms 139:1-6*

Discuss How do you feel when you think about the fact that God knows you?

3. Read *Luke 2:46*

Discuss Pastor said that this was the first record of Jesus communicating on Earth. If nothing in the Bible is by accident, what does it say about Jesus that the first thing He did was listen?

4. Read *Proverbs 12:15*

Discuss How easy is it for you to listen to your community? To your spiritual family here? Why do you think it can be so hard sometimes?

5. Read *Romans 1:25*

Discuss What are the biggest lies in our culture that we can sometimes call into the trap of believing? How do you think listening to each other could help us overcome these lies?

For Further Study

Read

Ezekiel 1

Luke 3

James 1

Romans 1