

**Week Four: *Is God's Voice Even a Voice?***  
***Numbers 22:21-39***

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day One**

1. As you read in the story in Numbers 22, the king of Moab looked to Balaam for a spiritual curse to be delivered upon the Israelites. Why did the king want to curse the people of God?
2. Read 2 Peter 2:15-16. When you read the whole story, one of Balaam's downfalls was greed. Recall a time when you had received a clear answer from God but pursued your own way despite his wishes.
3. When we are in sin, God sends us redirection in different forms. From where have you received redirection in times of trouble or rebellion?
4. How can we be sure that the direction we hear is from God?
5. Describe a time when you have been surprised to hear direction from God coming from an unexpected source.
6. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer that God would open your eyes and heart to see and hear from him today. Be on the look out for truth, even from places that are not implicitly Christian.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two**

7. Read John 21. Jesus used signs and events throughout his ministry to confirm his role and identity. Recall other times in the Bible when God used such events.
8. Most of us can think of an event or sign where we felt God was speaking to us or helping us to be discerning. Recall an experience when this happened. Were you looking for it or did it come with hindsight?
9. What does Romans 12:2 say about knowing God's will? When looking for a sign, how have you been able to discern that the sign was from God?
10. Some Christians feel that we can hear from God in various ways, like dreams, symbols, counsel from others, a spiritual sensitivity, or a feeling of uneasiness. Which of these, or others, do you feel could be used by the enemy to trip us up?
11. Spend the last part of your FIFTEEN in prayer. If you are seeking clarity in an area of your life, ask God. Also be sure to ask with the proper motives. (James 4:1-10)

### **Spend FIFTEEN - Day Three**

12. The past two days we have taken a deeper look at how God speaks to us through various means. Today we will explore how God uses people to speak to us. Read Acts 18:24-28.
13. Priscilla and Aquila were credited with helping Apollos along in the “truth.” When have you been aided by the godly counsel of someone who was your spiritual elder?
14. Can you recall a time in your life when you were surprised that truth or godly wisdom was coming from a *person* you would not have expected? What made it surprising?
15. Priscilla and Aquila are to be admired for their tact, wisdom, and love of the Gospel. Describe a time when you had to take someone aside and be the voice of truth. How did that person react to the truth coming from you?
16. As you finish your FIFTEEN, ask God for the Holy Spirit to be your guide as you are a bringer of his Kingdom. Pray for any hard conversations that need to take place in your relationships so you will have tact, wisdom, and a love motivated by the Gospel.

### **Spend FIFTEEN - Day Four**

17. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. Dwell on the words, “radiance of God’s glory, and the exact representation of his being.” What thoughts, images, and feelings come to mind when you hear this description of Jesus?
18. We have been exploring the different ways we listen for God. Read the account of the Transfiguration in Luke 9:28-36. What are we reminded to do in verse 35?
19. Jesus said that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). We can get to know him directly through his Word. Think about how these three words (way, truth, and life) are relevant and meaningful for your journey.
20. If you feel God is particularly distant in your life right now, finish your FIFTEEN by praying for the strength of the Holy Spirit to spend a greater amount of your time reading Jesus’ words found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. If Jesus is the exact representation of the Father, then he will show you what God cares about and how to listen for him.

### **Spend FIFTEEN - Day Five**

21. For the past four days we have been seeking ways to listen for God in our lives. Record interactions, sightings, or promptings when you may have heard God speaking through you, through others, or through things over the past few days.
22. Read John 10:1-21. Jesus makes a lot of truth claims. Why do the “sheep” follow him? List all the benefits.

23. How can we get to know the will of the Father better?

24. God's nature is to speak to us. He has given us his Son. He has given us his Word. Luther said that prayer is not just speaking, but also listening. What are you doing in your life to make time for these things? (His Son, his Word, and prayer)

25. Use the rest of your FIFTEEN to take time to purposely find space for God through prayer. Ask him to help lead you to a place where it is not hard to see and hear from him. Remember that, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)