



Week 3 - The External Voice

GROUP QUESTIONS

THE EXTERNAL VOICE is heard through:

COMMUNITY

Read 1 Corinthians 14:26 & Ephesians 5:19-20 & 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

- God can often speak to us through each other. When have you heard God through someone else?
- We're always to 'test everything' when it comes to the 'external voice'. What should we test it against?
- How do you feel your community rates in terms of building up and encouraging each other? What are some ways you could continue to grow in that?

"One of the immediate changes that the gospel makes is grammatical: we instead of I, our instead of my, us instead of me." - **Eugene Peterson**

"God has willed that we should seek and find his living word in the testimony of other Christians in the mouths of human beings. Therefore, Christians need other Christians to speak God's word to them." **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

- Discuss the above quotes, and their implications.

CREATION

Read Romans 1:20 & Psalm 19:1-4

- What have you learned about God, or heard from Him, from observing His creation?

CULTURE

Read Acts 17:16-28

- How does Paul use the culture he finds himself in to preach the gospel?

HOW TO ENGAGE CULTURE: TURN | DISCERN | RETURN

Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

- What are some ways we can keep ourselves from being colonized by the culture around us?
- How are we to discern what is good and what is to be rejected?
- In what posture do we return to culture?

"The books or the music in which we thought the beauty was located will betray us if we trust to them; it was not in them, it only came through them, and what came through them was longing. These things — the beauty, the memory of our own past — are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshipers. For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never visited." - **C.S. Lewis**

Allow time for prayer requests - members to share their needs, and others to meet them.

COMMUNITY PRACTICE: ENCOURAGEMENT

Be intentional throughout this week to speak encouragement to other members of your community. Pray for them, and listen for what God might want to say through you. This is not a 'thus sayeth the Lord' type moment, it is an opportunity to be a blessing to each other and build one another up.



NEXT STEPS

GROWTH TRACK

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STUDENT CONFERENCE - AUG 25th & 26th

Our middle and high schoolers are having their first-ever Student Conference this August!

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