

Believe and Be Changed

A life group study guide for the Gospel of John

9/28/25 Sermon Title: **Jesus, The Voice of God**

Text: John 1:1–18

1. Open and Get to Know One Another

Prayer: Ask God to help you hear His voice clearly through Jesus and to give you faith to believe and obey.

Icebreaker Question:

Whose voice has had the most influence in your life so far? (A parent, coach, mentor, friend?) What made their voice powerful or comforting?

2. Sermon Summary

John begins his Gospel by making a staggering claim: Jesus is the eternal Word (Logos), God Himself who became flesh. Unlike the Force of Star Wars or the impersonal Logos of Greek philosophy, Jesus is the personal, divine, and incarnate voice of God.

The world has often rejected Him, preferring systems, philosophies, or pleasures. Yet to those who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. His voice brings light into darkness, life out of death, and grace upon grace.

The question is not whether Jesus is speaking, but whether we recognize His voice and follow Him.

3. Scripture Reading

Read aloud together:

- John 1:1–18
- John 10:27–30
- John 14:6
- Matthew 11:4–6

4. The What, Why, and How (30–40 minutes)

What did we read? (What facts did we learn?)

- According to John 1:1–3, who is Jesus and what role did He play in creation?
- How does John 1:14–18 describe what it means that the Word became flesh?

- In John 10:27, what does it mean that Jesus' sheep "hear his voice"?

Why does this matter (What does it mean to the world and to you?)

- What right should your creator have in your life? How hard or easy is it to yield to Jesus as your creator?
- Why do you think people in John's day, and in ours, struggle to receive Jesus' claims?
- When have you heard the voice of God? Why does hearing from God change things?
- John contrasts light and darkness, life and death. What cultural "voices" today compete with Jesus' voice, and how can we guard against them?

How will you apply these truths to your life?

- How does scripture help us recognize God's voice?
- This week, how can you slow down to listen more intentionally for His voice?
- What's one way you can use *your* voice to share Jesus' good news with someone in need of light and life?

5. Prayer

- Where do you need to hear from God right now? Pray for one another to recognize Jesus as God's love made flesh.

6. Personal Reading for Next Week's Life Group

- John 1:19–51 — John the Baptist points to Jesus. Jesus calls disciples.
- Isaiah 40:1–11 — A voice crying in the wilderness.
- Genesis 22:1–14 — God provides a substitute lamb.
- 1 Peter 2:24 — Jesus bore our sins.
- Hebrews 1:1–3 — God speaks through His Son.
- Hebrews 10:1–18 — Jesus sacrifice is final and perfect.

Consider journaling as you read this week. Reflect on:

- What truth did I see about Jesus? Why does that matter? How do I apply it?