

Small Group Questions

1. How has God gotten your attention in the past? How does He usually speak to you?
2. Read aloud 1 Kings 22:1-5. Why was Ahab so keen to attack?
3. Why does Jehoshaphat demand to hear from one of God's prophets?
4. Do you often take the time to seek God's wisdom first – even if the decision seems an obvious one? Share a time when you did or didn't do this and what happened.
5. How does God fit into the “everydayness” of your life? Are there any changes you need to make to grow in this area?
6. Read aloud 1 Kings 22:6-12. How do you think Jehoshaphat saw through these so-called “prophets?” What are some ways we can discern what is and isn’t from God? (see 1 John 4:1-3 for one way)
7. Describe a time you were involved in some “selective listening.”
8. Describe a time you were involved in some “selective focusing.”
9. Is there anything you need prayer for in this area of fully listening to and obeying God’s word?

Spend time as a group praying together, asking your Father to build in you the desire and power to hear and obey Him.

“How to Avoid God’s Word – Part 1”

1 Kings 22:1-28

“Then Jehoshaphat added, “But first let's find out what the Lord says.”

1 Kings 22:5 (NLT)

1. No God

:1-5

How does
God fit into
the
everydayness
of your life?

2. Yes-Men

:6-7, 10-12

- Selective Listening
- Selective Focusing

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10. Describe some warning signs you have seen (on the road, in dangerous areas, etc.).
11. What are some warning signs God has put in your path? How did you respond to them? What were the consequences?
12. How have you been doing with the lessons we learned last week – to include God in the everydayness of life (“No God”) and to not just surround ourselves with “yes-men?”
13. What was it about Ahab that led him to consistently ignore the people who gave him godly counsel? (See 1 Kings 20:43 & 21:4, 25 for some clues)
14. How has God spoken into your life in ways or through people you wouldn’t expect? Who or what might God be speaking through now that you aren’t hearing?
15. What effect do lies have? (See Ezekiel 13:22; Prov. 6:19) What are we called to do with lies? (See Psalm 34:13; 116:69; Zeph. 3:13) Are there any deeply held beliefs you need to examine and test against God’s word?
16. What spiritual needles keep others from speaking to us the truth? What keeps us from hearing God’s truth?

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BONUS:

In the box to the right are the verses either describing or commanding us to lift our hands in worship and prayer. Look up and talk through.

Lifting our hands in worship:

Neh. 8:6	Ps. 134:2
Ps. 28:2	Ps. 141:2
Ps. 63:4	Lam. 2:19
Ps. 119:48	Lam. 3:41
1 Tim. 2:8	

“How to Avoid God’s Word – Part 2”

1 Kings 22:1-28

The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, “Look, as one man the other prophets are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favorably.”

But Micaiah said, “As surely as the Lord lives, I can tell him only what the Lord tells me.”

1 Kings 22:13-14

1. Not Him!

:8-9, 18

God can and will
use anyone or
anything to get
His word through
to us!

2. Listening to Lies

:19-23

(The devil) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44b

“For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way of life.”

3. Not Me!

:13, 24-27

Where are
your spiritual
needles?

It’s Your Choice!

Who are you
surrounded by?