



Questions for further study

May 14th '17

Listening to God :

Because you say so I will

1. Read again the passage we've read a number of times this year – Luke 5:1-11. We emphasized what Peter said, "Because YOU say so, I will." Think about who Jesus is, what He's like and His actions – past, present & future. How does this reflection change the way we respond to His voice?
2. The theologian Dallas Willard gives this incredibly simple (but very profound) definition of discipleship. "Understanding what Jesus wants and then deciding to do it." In what ways is this different to a "consumer Christianity" that says – "ask not what you can do for God but what God can do for you". How can we recognize this attitude in ourselves, and how can we guard against it?
3. Make a list together of at least 20 different things that the Bible says about how we're to live as God's people. In many of Jesus' parables, and in the letters to the Seven churches in Revelation, we read 'he who has an ear to hear let him hear'. Read Matthew 7:24-29 & James 1:22-25. What obstacles must we overcome to be "do-ers" of the word, and not just be hearers?
4. Think back over this series. We've looked at i) the amazing truth that God revealed Himself to us and continues to communicate with us; ii) how we prepare our hearts to hear Him; iii) the variety of ways in which He speaks to us, and now iv) the response of obedience that is the right response. What has particularly struck you in these studies? Why do you think trusting & obeying are so linked?

Share examples of how God has spoken to you over the past few weeks.