

Introduction:

Prayer is the _____ to experiencing _____
with God.

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

Exodus 3:1-4

Five foundational truths to hear from God:

1. God is _____ than you _____.

Theological ideas to understand

Psalm 139

- Transcendence of God:

He is holy and set apart; He's not part of Creation in any way.

- Immanence of God:

He is present and intimate in His creation, but He is still distinct from it.

2. God is in the _____ of _____.

Waiting for a 'burning bush' moment (something spectacular) can cause you to miss God's activity in your everyday life.

3. God longs to _____ to _____.

How does God speak?

- Through His Word. 2 Timothy 3:16
- Through His Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, 16
- Through other people. 1 Corinthians 12:7-8
- Through His Creation. Psalm 19:1-4
- Through visions and dreams

4. God will not _____ for your _____.

We have a hearing problem – We must turn down the noise.

We have selective hearing – We hear what we want to hear not what we need to hear.

5. God _____ you into _____.

Revelation 3:20

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever felt like God was far? Read Psalm 139. How does God's transcendence and immanence give you a new perspective?
2. How can you intentionally notice God's presence in your everyday activities?
3. What "noise" do you need to turn down/off to hear God? What steps will you take?
4. Do you find yourself having "selective hearing" towards God? How is He calling you to trust Him today?
5. Instead of rules and trying to work your way to God, He invites you into relationship. How does this truth impact your life?