



LIVE JESUS MINISTRIES

LJM TOP TWELVE (TT6) Why Can't I Hear God?

PRAY

Utilize the **Pray** step of your mentor training.

CONNECT

- **Check In:** Have everyone share their **Peaks**(highs/victories) & **Pits**(lows/struggles) since the last gathering and their current **Prayer** intention. Use a couple starter/going deeper questions from LJM.

DISCUSS

CONTENT REFERENCES

1 Kings 19:11-12

- *There was a strong and violent wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord—but the Lord was not in the wind; after the wind, an earthquake—but the Lord was not in the earthquake; after the earthquake, fire—but the Lord was not in the fire; after the fire, a light silent sound.*

Matthew 5:8

- *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

Psalms 22:2-3

- *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish? My God, I call by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I have no relief.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sin kills our souls. This sacrament of healing and mercy brings our soul back to life so we can hear Him again. This sacrament teaches us how to be vulnerable and build an intimate relationship w/ God.

Question #1: *Have you ever asked yourself the question: "Why Can't I Hear God?" Do you ever feel like you can't hear Him or that He's never spoken to you, which leads you to doubt His Love for you and even His existence?*

(Mentor Note: Invite them to share more about why they might be feeling the way they do.)

Question #2: *If God wanted to have a relationship with us, why does it seem like He's made it so difficult? Wouldn't He make it easier to hear Him?*

Question #3: *How much do you think sin affects your ability to hear the voice of God?*

(Mentor Note: The sacrament of reconciliation (confession) is the best way to get rid of some major barriers that block your heart from hearing God speak.)

Question #4: *What do you think God desires from you when you pray? Do you think He desires more than verbal prayer? Do honest, faithful, and authentic prayers require more than words?*

(Mentor Note: God loves authenticity, faithfulness, humility, and honesty, which are revealed in many ways. God's ways of communication are so much greater (and better) than ours. We have to be careful not to drown out His voice with noise or only look for it in words. Take a look at 1 Kings 19:11-12)

Cornerstone Statement

God's language is so much greater than just words. It's Love, sacrifice, beauty, Awe and Wonder, selflessness, and the list goes on. We need to become more attentive to all the ways He is speaking.

COMMIT: Create a group commitment going forward (small commitments).

- Idea: Create a note on your phone and for one week, list all the ways you hear/see God speak.
- Pray for each person's prayer intentions spoken at the beginning of the night.

Remind them of the next meeting date, location, time

Invite them to other youth events offered at your location. (extend these invitations at your discretion).