# **ABOVE THE NOISE**Why Does God Speak? 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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## START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

- What sounds blend into the background and what sounds can you not ignore?
- Do you find it easy or hard to hear God's voice?

**KEEP READING** - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking. Read these scriptures out loud:

#### 1 Samuel 3:1-20

The success of every relationship is built on effective communication. If our relationship with God is going to be successful, it must be built on communication. It's a joy to know that God speaks to us . He still speaks to us today just as He spoke thousands of years ago in the bible .

- When God speaks He reveals His nature and His character. When God has spoken to you, what have you learnt about God?
- God spoke to bring direction and leadership in the nation where do we need God to bring direction and leadership in our lives and our nation?

### **KEEP TALKING** - Choose questions to create openness.

How does God speak? Joseph unpacked four ways that God speaks in this passage:

- 1) An audible voice.
- 2) He speaks through his word
- 3) He speaks through the Holy Spirit
- 4) God speaks through prophets.

What ways have you heard God speak? Is there any way that you would like to hear God's voice differently? How can you position yourself for that?

## **KEEP MOVING/GOING** - Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Joseph talked of the importance of activating His word by:

- Abiding in His presence
- Decluttering and discerning
- Meditating on God

What do you need to commit to this week, to be someone who hears God speak?

#### **KEEP PRAYING**

• Pray together and take some time to ask the Holy Spirit to speak into the situations and circumstances of one another's life.