



## Value His Voice

**Focus** “God comes to a prepared atmosphere.” As we make and keep an “appointment” to meet with God, we’ll hear Him speak to us.

**Open** Which sounds more like you: “I HATE being late, so I’m at least 20 minutes early for everything,” or “I count being five minutes late as ‘on time’—that’s as good as it gets for me!”? Why are you the way you are concerning time?

**Read** It’s important for us to set regular appointments to be with God in order to learn from His Word and to hear His voice. We may struggle to hear and recognize the specific word of the Lord for our lives if we don’t learn to seek and value the general word of the Lord through regular appointments with Him.

To develop a regular time with the Lord, set an appointment, be still and worship Him, pray and read the Bible. Write your prayers, listen for and write His response. God comes to a prepared atmosphere, so decide to prepare your heart to hear from Him!

- Talk**
1. What principle(s) can be found in each of the following verses applicable to being with God and hearing His voice: Psalm 5:1–3; Psalm 46:10; Jeremiah 29:12–13; Habakkuk 2:2; Mark 1:35 and Acts 13:2?
  2. It’s more important that we *have* time with God than *when* we have time with God. When are you “at your best” for meeting with God in light of your current season of life—morning, lunchtime, evening, etc.? Why?

3. Do you include worship or music of some kind into your times with the Lord? How?
4. Have you used a reading plan of some kind to direct your Bible reading? What reading plans and/or Bible reading methods or resources would you recommend to others (i.e., YouVersion.com, The One-Year Bible)?
5. Why do we often neglect to *quiet* ourselves before God and/or *listen* to His voice in our quiet times? Why are these two things probably the most important part of our quiet times?

### Live

1. Do you write or journal as part of your quiet time? How does writing what we *think* the Lord is saying to us help us to hear God?
2. Get into pairs and tell one another specifically when you'll set an appointment this week to be with God. Call one another mid-week to encourage each other to keep your appointments with Him.

### Pray

Thank God for His promise to "be found by you" when you seek Him (Jeremiah 29:13). Ask Him to help you to keep your appointment with Him, not out of a sense of duty, but out of a desire to be with Him. Ask Him to refresh and encourage your heart this week as you meet with Him. Pray for one another.