

## Sensing Jesus - Hearing

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John 5:25-29

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### **Small Group Discussion Questions**

#### **Lent affords us the opportunity to consider how we will encounter Jesus ourselves**

We can our engage our senses in the gospels. This week we remember that Jesus came to be heard.

\*How does the voice of Jesus sound to you – is he a familiar or unfamiliar voice?

\*How does familiarity impact your hearing and responding to Jesus' voice?

#### **Read and discuss John 5:21-29 (NTE)**

*<sup>21</sup> For, just as the father raises the dead and gives them life, in the same way the son gives life to anyone he chooses.*

*<sup>22</sup> The father doesn't judge anyone, you see; he has handed over all judgment to the son, <sup>23</sup> so that everyone should honor the son just as they honor the father. Anyone who doesn't honor the son doesn't honor the father who sent him.*

*<sup>24</sup> I'm telling you the solemn truth: anyone who hears my word, and believes in the one who sent me, has the life of God's coming age. Such a person won't come into judgment; they will have passed out of death into life. <sup>25</sup> I'm telling you the solemn truth: the time is coming – in fact, it's here already! – when the dead will hear the voice of God's son, and those who hear it will live. <sup>26</sup> You see, just as the father has life in himself, in the same way he has given the son the privilege of having life in himself. <sup>27</sup> He has even given him authority to pass judgment, because he is the son of man.*

*<sup>28</sup> Don't be surprised at this. The time is coming, you see, when everyone in the tombs will hear his voice. <sup>29</sup> They will come out – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.'*

\*What is this passage saying to you?

\*What part does hearing play here?

#### **Hearing the voice of Jesus brings life to dead things**

Dead people and dead hearts respond to the authority in his voice.

\*How has your dead heart responded to hearing his voice?

#### **The authority of Jesus' voice has some implications for us**

> We don't use our voice to judge others

> We do judge if WE have heard his voice

\*How have you seen vocal authority misused?

\*What has the correlation between hearing the voice of the messiah and believing been like for you?

\*How do you hear Jesus' voice in your life? Through what ways do you hear him the clearest?

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