

LOUD

YOUR SOUL IS SCREAMING... LISTEN TO ME

1. I was created to be heard.

"Oh that I had one to hear me!" Job 31:35 NASB

"Listen now while I make my case, consider my side of things for a change." Job 13:6 The Message

DISCUSSION: Who are some people in your life that you wish would have spent more time listening to you? How well do you feel this group listens to you?

2. Only God can truly hear and completely understand me.

"...your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!" Matthew 6:8 NLT

"I love the LORD, because He hears my voice..." Psalm 116:1 NASB

"I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray." Psalm 17:6 NLT

DISCUSSION: ...God knows us better than we know ourselves... Do you believe this? Why do you find it hard to believe?

How do I get God to listen to me?

"How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen!" Habakkuk 1:2a NLT

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

a. I must force my body to bow.

"He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them." Psalm 145:19 NASB

“Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.” Psalm 95:6 NASB

DISCUSSION: In what way are you bowing your body, mind and soul to God? How are you humbling yourself? In what way do you approach God? How do you demonstrate your humility towards God?

b. I must turn away from my sin.

“... GOD’S ears are not stopped up—he can still hear. There’s nothing wrong with God; the wrong is in you. Your wrongheaded lives caused the split between you and God. Your sins got between you so that he doesn’t hear.” Isaiah 59:1-3 The Message

“We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.” John 9:31 NASB

“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Psalm 66:18 NLT

DISCUSSION: From what sin have you been unwilling to turn away? Where do you need to come clean? Are you willing to confess to your spiritual family?

c. I must let my soul scream out to God.

“Listen, GOD, I’m calling at the top of my lungs: ‘Be good to me! Answer me!’” Psalm 27:7 The Message

“I yell out to my God, I yell with all my might, I yell at the top of my lungs. He listens.” Psalm 77:1 The Message

“Listen God-I’m desperate. Don’t be too busy to hear me.” Psalm 54:2 The Message

DISCUSSION: What are you holding back from God? Do you need to show more emotion to Him?

PRAYER PROJECT: Ask God to help you see to what degree have you been holding back from God the truth of your soul? What are you keeping inside?