

# Pray First

**Big Idea:** Our God is a speaking God

**Pastor Curt Seaburg - Part 3**

This message, Understanding How You Are Made, is part 3 of the Pray First series. Pastor Curt shared some good news: could it be that the difference between you and someone who has a vibrant walk with Jesus, who tells of hearing the Holy Spirit's voice, who knows what God wants them to do, and who has a deep sense of joy and peace is that they may understand a little better how they are made! There is nothing unique about them, they are made just like you, but they understand and know how to hear from God. Yes, God does speak to people! (Job 33:14) "God does speak – now one way, now another – though man may not perceive it." The key to understanding how you are made is to learn to listen to God.

To understand how mankind is made there are three parts: Body, Soul & Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 says, "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." The body is our appearance and physical being through which we see, taste, smell, feel, and hear; it is the loudest "voice" of the three parts. The soul is our personality, our reason, memory, imagination and affection. It is the next loudest "voice". The spirit is our God awareness that becomes alive when we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord; it is the quietest "voice". Through these three parts we make decisions.

**Key Point #1 – We must learn to IGNORE the noise of the BODY and quiet the sounds of the SOUL in order to hear our own SPIRIT.**

**Key Point #2 – We must intentionally learn to develop our spiritual sense in order to operate at the capacity at which we were created to function.**

The decisions we make reveal three different types of people: natural, spiritual, carnal. Pastor Curt helps us understand these three types and what we are capable of.

## Discussion Questions

- Every verse in the Bible speaks with God's voice. What Scripture did God use this week to speak directly to you?
- Sometimes we wish God would speak even louder, so that we couldn't help but hear Him clearly.
- God wants us to take the time and effort to listen. Discuss how you are able to turn down your own voice and listen to God.

## Prayer Focus

Ask God to show you what distractions are keeping you from hearing His voice. Make it a priority this week to seek God with everything you have and listen for God's voice as you read His Word.

## Next Steps

We are in the home stretch of 21 Days of Prayer and it's never too late to jump in. Make plans to join us as we pray and seek to hear God's voice.

## Leader Tip

Encourage group members to step out and lead a Group. God may be speaking to you so that He can speak to someone through you. Continue to lead by example by participating in 21 Days of Prayer.