



**HATFIELD
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 3 WEEK 1

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God's words created God's worlds

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in *the* beginning with God.'

John 1:1-2 (NKJV)

Icebreaker

Of your five senses, which is the most important to you and why?

Introduction

The first thing we learn about God is that He speaks – through His spoken Word this world was created. There are two words used for 'Word' in the New Testament: Logos, the written revelation of God; and Rhema, a word God is speaking presently into an individual's situation. The Logos is the truth. A Rhema word is God applying this truth to us in today's world. We receive a Rhema word when the light from the Holy Spirit illuminates the Logos and it becomes alive.

Discussion

- Does anything stand out to you, or challenge you from Sunday's message?
- Read Psalm 43:3. Has there been a time in your life when something in a Bible passage 'jumped out at you', giving you clarity, wisdom, guidance or direction? Share together.
- Do you believe God still speaks today? If you are at liberty, share what the Lord has been speaking to you about lately. How are you putting what he is saying into practise?
- The words SILENT and LISTEN contain the same letters. How difficult is it for you to become silent? How would your life change if you were to wait on God daily in the following way: wait, listen, hear, speak and then do?
- Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the Word of God. Read John 8:26, John 8:28 and Matthew 10:20. Can you see that the Lord Jesus only spoke and did what He heard from the Father? Does the last Scripture imply that we could also be

led by the Spirit to speak God's words today? How will this help you, especially in tough times?

- In your mind, what is the overarching message of the Bible?

The story of Scripture is about God saving his people through Jesus.

Prayer

- Offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for the Word who became flesh and made it possible for us today to have His word in our hearts.
- Ask the Lord that His Spirit will illuminate the Scriptures which it will lead to revelation and ultimately to transformation.
- Ask God for a hunger and thirst after His written Word and that your faith will become stronger as you read and study it more and more, to be an able worker in His kingdom.
- Wait on the Lord for a word for your families and/or workplaces. Spend time praying for your families and places of work.

Bible reading challenge

Read 1 Peter in the week ahead in your Bible reading time – one chapter a day for five days.

Form a WhatsApp group with your life group members where you share:

- What stands out to you
- What you learn about God, yourself, and life
- What you feel the Lord is saying to you through this
- How you can live it out