

Love Jesus, Love Seattle Jesus is Calling. Are You Listening? Pastor Ryan Bunbury Hosea 4:1 NIV February 23, 2020

THE BIG IDEA: Scripture narrates God calling all people to intimately know Him through relationship with Jesus.

## TWO CONTEMPLATIVE QUESTIONS:

## I. WHOSE VOICE MATTERS MOST TO ME?

- HEAR THIS, you priests! PAY ATTENTION, you Israelites! LISTEN, O royal house! Hosea 5:1a NIV
- HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD... Hosea 4:1a NIV

How do I hear God's voice in the middle of life's chaos?

- 3 Ways How to Hear The Lord's Voice:
- Stop <u>TALKING</u>.

  Take note of this: BE QUICK TO LISTEN, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19
- 2. **SLOW DOWN**

"You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."

- Dallas Willard
- 3. Observe the **SABBATH**

"Despite being open 14% fewer days a year than competitors, Chick-fil-A [Dan T. Cathy] is dominating the fast food industry."

- Kate Taylor, Business Insider
- "Step out of traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything." God, Psalm 46:10 MSG
- "Be still and KNOW that I am God." Psalm 46:10a NIV

Recommended Reading: Into the Silent Land – A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation by Martin Laird

- "BUT I AM the LORD your God, who BROUGHT YOU OUT of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no GOD but me, no SAVIOR except me." - God
  - Hosea 13:4 NIV
- "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. He has sent me to proclaim FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS and recovery of SIGHT FOR THE BLIND, to RELEASE THE OPPRESSED, to proclaim the year of THE LORD'S FAVOR." Jesus, Luke 4:18-19 NIV

## II. WHAT IS MY RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD?

• HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD... - Hosea 4:1a NIV

Hear שמע| shama: to listen to and obey

- "SOW FOR YOURSELF RIGHTEOUSNESS, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and BREAK UP YOUR UNPLOWED ground; for it is time to SEEK THE LORD until he comes and showers righteousness on you.
  - Hosea 10:12 NIV
- "I will instruct YOU and teach YOU in the way YOU should go; I will counsel YOU with my loving eye on YOU." God, Psalm 32:8
- "The Lord said to me, "GO, SHOW YOUR LOVE..." God
  - Hosea 3:1a NIV
- "LOVE THE LORD... LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR... All the Law and Prophets [Hosea] hang on these two commands." Jesus, Matthew 22:37-40 NIV
- "GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." - Jesus
  - Matthew 28:19-20a NIV