Scriptures:

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly...²⁷My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life and they will never perish and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:10, 27-28 ESV)

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1 NIV)

Read 1 Samuel 3:4-11 as well.

Observation:

• What stood out to you in the scriptures?

Application:

We must be able to recognize God's voice in order to differentiate the truth from a lie. As we read the Bible, spend personal time with God in prayer, and be in the community of God, the more we will know God. Prayer includes both talking and listening. The more we know God, the clearer His voice becomes. When we know God's voice it helps us to obey Him to where He is leading us and how to respond to the world around us.

- In what area of these 3—reading the Bible, personal time with God, being in the community of God—do you feel like you do well in?
- In what area of the 3, listed above, do you feel like you need to grow more in?
- Take 2-3 minutes on your own to pause, pray to God, and listen for Him. Remember His character is of love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Anything that you hear that is not of God's character is not God. Tell that other voice to stop, "rebuke" it and submit it to God.

Prayer points:

- Pair up and share with your partner what you heard when you were praying. Pray for your prayer partner regarding what they shared.
- Pray for one person in your life that does not know God.