God speaks to us by the Holy Spirit . . .

- a. Through the Bible.
- b. Through prayer.
- c. Through circumstances.
- d. Through the church.

Philippians 2:2-4 (NLT) – "Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."

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**John 5:17 (NLT)** – "My Father is always working, and so am I."

**John 5:19-20 (NLT)** – "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing."

**2 Kings 6:17 (NLT)** – "Then Elisha prayed, 'O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!' The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire."

1. How do you know where God is working?

## Things that only God can do

- 1. God draws people to Himself.
- 2. God causes people to seek after Him.
- 3. God reveals spiritual truth.
- 4. God convicts the world of guilt regarding sin.

- 5. God convicts the world of righteousness.
- 6. God convicts the world of judgment.

## 2. How do we know when God speaks?

"If the Christian does not know when God is speaking, he is in trouble at the heart of his Christian life!"

Henry Blackaby

**Hebrews 1:1 (NLT)** – "Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets."

- a. When God spoke, it was usually <u>unique</u> to that individual.
- b. When God spoke, the person was sure <u>God</u> was speaking.
- c. When God spoke, the person knew  $\underline{\text{what}}$  God said.

d. When God spoke, it was an encounter with God.

## 3. How does God speak to us?

**Hebrews 1:1-2a (NLT)** – "Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son."

**1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)** – "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?"

**John 14:26b (NLT)** – ". . . will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

**John 16:13-14 (NLT)** – "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup> He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me."