

A man with a beard, seen from the side, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. He is holding an open Bible, and the text of the Bible is visible on the pages. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

# FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE

JOHN 10:3-4



CALVARY CHAPEL  
BEMIDJI

Feb 2023

# *Welcome*

*We are so glad that you have  
chosen to worship with us today!*

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# EACH WEEK AT CCB

## SUNDAY

**Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:30am**

*Nursery & Children's Church available at the 10:30 Service*

**Fellowship Potluck Breakfast 9:30-10:15am**

*1st Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall*

*Bring a dish to share. October through May*

## TUESDAY

**Men's Prayer 6:00-9:00 am**

## WEDNESDAY

**Adult, Youth & Children's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00 pm**

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Children's Ministry Conference Livestream*

*Calvary Curriculum's Children's Ministry Conference*

*Friday, Feb 17 & Saturday, Feb 18*

*Free Event • See Megan Danielson for details.*

## *February Discipleship Class*

*How To Study The Bible ~ February 10-12*

*See the Discipleship School group on Church Center for details.*

## *Men's Fellowship Dinner*

*Sunday, February 19 @ 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall*

*See the church website for more details & the full calendar!*

# Hearing the Voice of God

## *John 10:3-4 ESV*

*<sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

**Throughout the Bible, we find the imagery of a shepherd and sheep.** The relationship between sheep and a shepherd perfectly describes our relationship with Jesus. And if you know anything about sheep, you know that we humans have similar characteristics. One of those characteristics is that sheep need to be led. Or you could say it like this; they need direction or guidance. Therefore, they must know the voice of the shepherd. The same is true for you and me.

Here in these verses, we see that **Jesus speaks to His sheep, and they hear His voice.** He says that the sheep know His voice, and they follow Him. This is a theme that we find throughout the Bible. God has always desired to be in a relationship and communicate with mankind. The question remains...***are we listening?***

## **The Purpose of Hearing God's Voice**

1. **To know Him more.** (Ephesians 1:15-17, John 14:21)
2. **To know the will of God for our lives.** (Isaiah 30:21)

## **Some of the Ways God Speaks**

1. **By Reading the Bible** (Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16))
2. **By the Holy Spirit** (John 14:17)
3. **By Circumstances** (Acts 16:6-10)
4. **By the Preaching and Teaching of God's Word** (Psalm 19:7-11)

Some of us may need to learn how to hear God's voice for the first time. For others, it may be that we need to learn to push past all the chaos and competing voices of the world that fill our minds and cause us not to hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us. Maybe it is time for us to allow the Shepherd to lead us to still waters. (Psalm 23:2).

Keith Pennel

*- GIVING BOX -*

Though we do not "take an offering" during our services, we do provide a way to give financially to Calvary Chapel Bemidji. There is a box for this purpose located in the foyer, or you can also give through our website.

~ 2 Corinthians. 9:7 ~