

Title: Awaken the Senses - Sound
Text: 1 King 19, Matthew 27, Acts 2
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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What style of music do you most enjoy (alternative, country, classical, rock, etc.)? How does what you hear affect your other senses? Explain your answer.
2. How do you often hear God? Through what medium does God usually speak to you?
3. When does God speak the loudest to you? When can you hear him most clearly?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read the account of Elijah in 1 King 19. How would you describe Elijah's condition? How might this impact his physical senses? Why do you think God's voice comes in a gentle whisper (19:12)? What did hearing God in this way accomplish in addressing Elijah's physical, mental, emotionally and spiritual needs?
2. Jesus' cry on the cross in Matthew 27 reflects his reflections on and reciting of the entire Psalm 22. How does this cry as part of the whole Psalm capture the physical phenomenon that occurred at Jesus' death? What "sound" does Jesus' act signify (one of anguish, defeat, triumph, joy?)
3. Acts 2 describes the powerful activity of the Spirit on the first followers of Jesus. Compare and contrast the images and sounds of Pentecost (Acts 2) and Babel (Genesis 11). How is 'sound' in the larger sense of culture at Babel being reversed and/or affirmed here at Pentecost?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Looking back at the times when you only received silence from God, what was He actually saying to you in that seemingly silence? How can you prepare for the next time when the silence occurs?
2. What do you need to cry out to God for yourself? On behalf of people around you? For the world in need?