"Creation Communications" Pastor Kent Groethe

1. God Speaks Through Creation/Nature:

A. Through Creation Itself.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech...They have no speech; they use no words. no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth." Psalm 19:1-4

"The most beautiful system of sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the council and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being," Sir Isaac Newton

"...the precision [of the universe] is so utterly fantastic, so mathematically breathtaking, that it's just plain silly to think it could have been an accident. Especially since we're not just talking about simple odds but what theorists call 'specified probability, ' which rules out chance beyond a reasonable doubt." Case for Christ, Strobel

B. Through What God Does Through and in Creation.

"A furious squall came up, and waves broke over the boat so that it was nearly swamped. [Jesus] got up and rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet, Be Still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." Mark 4:38

2. God Speaks Through Conscience.

"When Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness." Romans 2:14-15 It was the existence of moral law known to all that caused the then atheist and brilliant scholar C.S. Lewis to convert to Christianity.

Augustine was one of the great pastors and theologians of the 4th and 5th centuries who lived in North Africa. He led an immoral and perverted life before salvation but was converted through reading Romans 13:13 which is a call to moral living.

3. Through Our Gifts and Passions.

"The Lord Has chosen ...Bezalel and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom and understanding, with knowledge and all kinds of skills...He has given [Bezalel] and Oholiab...the ability to teach others...and with skill to do all sorts of work... Exodus 35:30-36:3

"For as in one body, we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ...and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them" Romans 12:4-8

God has already put in each of us gifts and passions. Our task is to identify what they are and how to best use them.