



Hearing God for Others – Small Group Leader’s Introduction

[Below is a sample script that you can follow to introduce the Hearing God for Others exercise to your small group. Before you speak to your group, please take a moment to ask for God’s presence to equip you as a leader: *Heavenly Father, enable me to represent you and Jesus well here. Direct and anoint the casting of this vision to my people.*]

The ability to hear God speak to us is an important aspect of discipleship for every believer. Jesus says in ...

John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice."

That means each one of us here can, and I would say should, hear from God. Although that will be as unique as each one of us is unique, the fact remains that we should each be able to discern His voice for ourselves.

But I know that not all of us feel/think we can. In fact, I might say many of us perhaps have not put the time and the effort into learning to discern God's voice.

So, I want to help you grow in this, no matter where you're at in your journey of hearing God.

Sometimes God may want to speak to us about a situation that we are in and it's only for us. Other times it's for somebody else that we are to share with them. This can be a tremendous blessing for each other here in our group.

If hearing God is new to you, you may feel hesitation over this. It may be outside your comfort zone or you may say "I'm terrified of it because I had a bad experience in the past."

Can I encourage you to trust God in this? I can't promise you that you won't have a bad experience again, but we do have safeguards in place and guidelines to help us have a good experience.

Hearing God is to be a normal and regular practice for all believers.

Sometimes the best place to start is to hear for somebody else, and that is where we'd like to take you today.

Let's read through the guidelines together.

[Hearing God for Others Small Group Leader Resource - read Section B and pray Section D, then begin the exercise Section C.]