

How To Hear God's Voice

Scott Merriner, October 10, 2021 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say? Take some time to look up and read: John 10:2-4

But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

- 1. Describe the relationship between the shepherd and sheep.
- 2. How is the shepherd/sheep relationship like our relationship with God?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 3. God speaks through the Bible (Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- What has God been saying to you through His Word recently? How have you been responding?
- If you haven't been hearing God speak to you through His Word, why do you think that is? What might you need to do to change that?
- 4. God speaks through prayer (John 16:13, Romans 8: 26-27)
- What has God been saying to you in your prayer times recently?
- Could it be that God is seeking to elevate your prayer life? How might God be leading you to pray?
- Have you been experiencing a period of silence from God? If God is kind and loving, why might God be withholding His word?

- 5. God speaks through circumstances (Proverbs 3:5-6, John 5:19)
- Is God speaking to you through a circumstance in your life? What is He saying? How is that being confirmed by God's word, your times of prayer, and other believers?
- 6. God speaks through the church (Ephesians 4:15-16, 1 Corinthians 12:7)
- What is something that God has said to you through fellow Christians?
- How do you respond when you become aware of a need in your church that you might meet? How do you know if you are the person God wants to use to meet that need?
- How is God presently using you to minister to other members of your church family? Are you actively seeking His will in this regard?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **

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We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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