

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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Read Daniel 6:6-10. Prayer enables us to get on the right frequency with God to hear Him speak. Compare your prayer life to Daniel's. Before he prayed on the occasion mentioned in verse 10, what convinces you that God had already spoken to Daniel and he heard Him? Considering the challenge Daniel was facing, what do you think Daniel said to God in this prayer and what did God say to him? Share how your hearing God has been impacted by a diligent prayer life as well as a weak prayer life. What insight does this scripture give you regarding your prayer life and its relationship to your hearing God?

Read Ps. 119:105, 2 Tim. 3:16. God speaks through scripture. Saturation in His WORD is a must for one who desires to hear God. Explain how God's word is a lamp and a light to you. Reflect on a time when you absolutely didn't know what to do and God gave you clear direction through His word. Discuss why it is possible for God's word which was written thousands of years ago to still speak to the issues His children face today. According to 2 Tim 3:16, what specific issues does God reveal to us through His WORD? How have these scriptures inspired you to increase your study of His WORD?

Read Acts 16:6-7, Eph. 4:30. Believers have the Holy Spirit of God living in them. The Holy Spirit speaks to lead and guide us into all truth. Discuss how Paul and his companion knew what the Holy Spirit was directing them to do. How are you assured that you understand the leading of the Holy Spirit? Are there times when the Holy Spirit speaks louder than others to you? To what do you attribute this difference? In view of what you've learned from these scriptures, what can you do to be more in tune to listening to the Holy Spirit?

Read 2 Sam. 12:1-7A, 1 John 4:1. In Old Testament days God spoke through His prophets. God still speaks through people (preachers and other believers) today. If you had been David, how would you have known for sure that God was speaking through Nathan? Has God ever spoken to you through a person? How does your spirit help you discern that God is speaking to you as opposed to just another person's opinion?

Read Acts 16:25-30. God is always speaking even through circumstances. Why do you think the unsaved jailer recognized God in his circumstances? Has God ever spoken to you through circumstances? Explain.

Taking it Home—How will I apply it: Integrate Samuel's request of God in your daily prayers, **"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"** (1 Sam. 3:9-10). Spend quality time with God in prayer and reading His WORD. Listening for His voice. Finally, look and listen for His messages in circumstances and in the words of other believers.

GREATER EXPECTATIONS

"Hearing God's Voice"

1 Samuel 3: 8-9

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_____ . (2 Tim 3:16)

_____ . (1 John 2:27)

_____ . (Luke 1:39-45)

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1. We need _____. (John 10:27; 1 Cor 2:15-16)

2. We need _____. (1 Sam 28:4-7)

3. We need _____. (1 Kings 19:11-12)