Group Discussion

## PART I: GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU

### QUESTIONS + REFLECTIONS:

- + What are the ways that you can see that God wants to, and is, speaking to you personally?
- + Do believe that the Holy Spirit dwells within you at all times? What are the ways that you recognize this truth?

### **PROMPTS + PRACTICAL STEPS:**

- + In a short prayer, simply ask God to speak to you. Wait a minute or two on Him, and write down anything you see, hear, feel.
- + Begin the practice of quieting your soul/mind. Spend several minutes a day honing your ability to just "listen" to what God wants to say to you personally.

- + John 17:3
- + 2 Corinthians 5:17
- + 1 John 1:3
- + John 10:27
- + Luke 9:33-35
- + 1 Samuel 3:1-11
- + 1 Corinthians 6:19

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# PART II: WAYS THAT GOD SPEAKS

## QUESTIONS + REFLECTIONS:

- + Have you ever asked for a word of encouragement for another person? In Luke 11, Jesus promises that we will receive as much as we need to give away to others.
- + Has someone ever given you a word of encouragement from God? If so, what impact did that encouraging word have on your life?

### **PROMPTS + PRACTICAL STEPS:**

- + Pay attention to things that catch your attention/curiosity and simply ask God if He is speaking to you.
- + Ask God for something encouraging to give away to someone else in the room and then share it with them. It's important to remember that we should only share encouragement (see 1 Corinthians 14:3.)

- + Exodus 3:1-4
- + Proverbs 25:2
- + Jeremiah 29:13
- + Luke 11:5-13
- + 1 Corinthians 14:3

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## PART III: GOD'S LANGUAGE WITH YOU

## QUESTIONS + REFLECTIONS:

+ What are some of the ways He speaks to you personally?

+ Have you ever had a dream that God has spoken to you through? If so, share the dream with someone and discuss what God was speaking.

### PROMPTS + PRACTICAL STEPS:

- + Pay attention to the early morning hours to what you feel/hear from the Lord and write them down.
- + + When he shows you something, ask the Lord, "What does that mean? What are you saying through that?"
- + Ask God for something encouraging to give away to someone else in the room and then share it with them. It's important to remember that we should only share encouragement (see 1 Corinthians 14:3.)

- + 2 Peter 1:19
- + Genesis 15:1
- + Acts 16:9

Questions and Prompts

# PART IV: ELEMENTS OF HEARING FROM GOD

QUESTIONS + REFLECTIONS:

+ What are the 3 parts/elements of hearing from God? (Revelation, Interpretation & Application)

+ Who owns interpretations? (God - Gen 40:3)

+ What dangers do we need to avoid regarding interpretation? (Scientific approach, not asking God, etc.)

### **PROMPTS + PRACTICAL STEPS:**

+ Invite someone to share a word/dream/vision that you don't understand and see if the group can arrive at the interpretation. Often you "feel" when interpretation is right and there is hope and peace in it.

- + Daniel 7:16
- + John 16:13
- + Proverbs 25:2
- + 2 Peter 1:19-21
- + Genesis 40:3

Questions and Prompts

# PART V: APPLYING WHAT YOU HEAR

## QUESTIONS + REFLECTIONS:

+ What are some spheres where you have authority (through responsibility, not skill or gifts) in your life? How can you help those under your authority grow closer to God?

+ When we get a word from the Lord, what does the bible say about the types of insights we are to pass along to others? (1 Corinthians 14:3)

+ How can you share what you have received from the Lord in a responsible way?

### PROMPTS + PRACTICAL STEPS:

+ Invite the Lord to give you a word of encouragement for someone. Practice giving that word to the person in the way you received it.

For example, if you get a feeling, share that with the person as "I am getting the feeling that..." rather than saying something like "I heard the Lord say..."

### SCRIPTURE TO STUDY:

- + 2 Corinthians 10:13
- + 1 Corinthians 9:2
- + Luke 10:19

+ Matthew 20:25-28

- + 2 Corinthians 12:2
- + 1 Corinthians 14:3

Questions and Prompts

# PART VI: COMMUNICATION

## QUESTIONS + REFLECTIONS:

- + What are some of the "don'ts" when giving encouraging words?
- + What has the word "prophesy" meant to you in the past? What does it actually mean according to the Bible?
- +What are some helpful insights for either receiving words from others and for hearing clearly from God for yourself?

### PROMPTS + PRACTICAL STEPS:

- + Ask the Lord to speak to you in special ways, such as dreams, visions, feelings or impressions.
- + Seek the Lord daily and ask Him to speak, invite Him to give you something to give away to someone else.
- + In your journal, keep a timeline of how God speaks to you.
- + Read these books as you continue hearing God's voice:
- You May All Prophesy by Steve Thompson
- The Extraordinary Journey by Matt Peterson

- + Mark 11:22
- + Act 2:39
- + 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- + 1 Corinthians 14:1

- + Luke 11: 5-13
- + Acts 21:11 31
- + 1 Corinthians 14:31
- + John 10:27