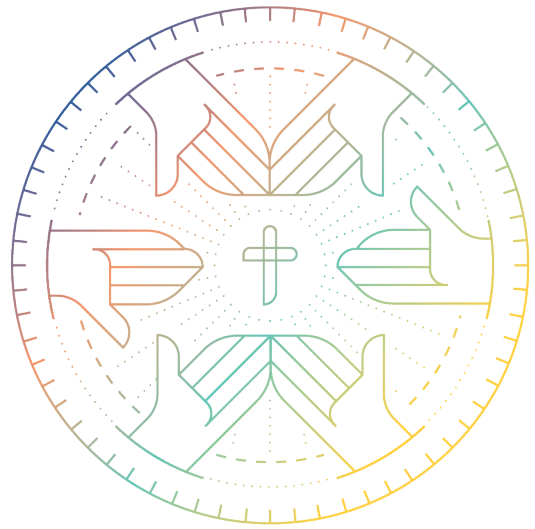


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

The Playbook: "How To Hear from God"

Scripture Focus: John 10:1-6

ICEBREAKER

Whose voice could you recognize immediately, even without seeing them?

If you could ask God one question and hear an immediate answer, what would you ask?

INTRODUCTION

Every follower of Jesus longs to hear God's voice. Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd whose sheep know His voice and follow Him. God speaks because He wants us to know Him, to guide us, and to provide perspective. But in a world filled with competing voices, learning to recognize God's voice takes relationship, attention, and practice. Hearing from God matters but following Him matters even more.

What stood out to you most from this week's message?

INTO THE WORD

Read John 10:3–4, John 10:14, and John 10:27. Why does hearing God begin with knowing Him? How does a growing relationship with Jesus help us recognize His voice?

Read John 10:3, John 10:10, Psalm 46:10, and 1 Kings 19:11–12. What are some of the competing voices or distractions that make it difficult to hear from God? What could it look like to intentionally create space to listen to Him?

Read John 10:4–5, 2 Timothy 3:16–17, and Hebrews 4:12. How can Scripture help us recognize God's voice and reject voices that contradict Him? What are some ways we can grow more familiar with what God says?

Read John 10:4, James 1:22, and Psalm 32:8. Why is obedience an important part of hearing from God? What can happen if we continually ask God to speak but are unwilling to follow what He has already made clear?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Hearing from God means:

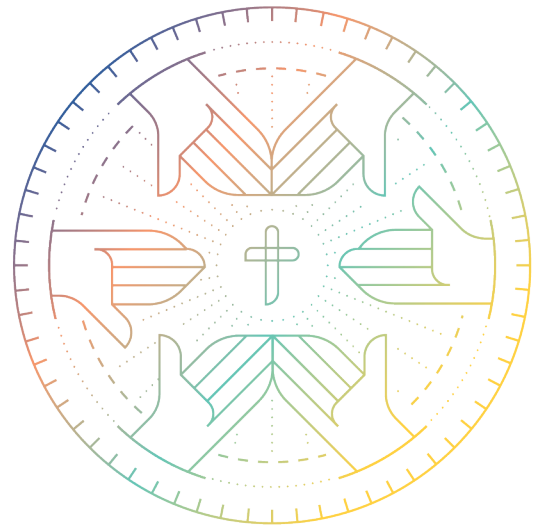
- Beginning with a relationship with Jesus.
- Creating space and giving God our attention.
- Becoming familiar with His voice through Scripture.
- Rejecting voices that contradict God's truth.
- Responding to God with obedience.

As a group, discuss the following questions:

- What helps you distinguish between God's leading, your own desires, and the voices around you?

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- What would it look like for hearing from and listening to God to become a regular part of your everyday relationship with Him?

TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Seek God Daily:** Set aside intentional time each day this week to read John 10:1–10, be still, and pray, “God, I want to hear from You.”
- **Build Deep Relationships:** Share something you sense God may be teaching or leading you toward with a trusted believer. Invite them to pray with you and help you discern it through Scripture.

GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE

Give everyone a few quiet moments to reflect on these questions:

- “What voice has been getting most of my attention?”
- “Where might God be trying to guide me?”
- “What is one thing I already know God is asking me to obey?”

Invite group members to quietly ask God to help them recognize His voice, reject competing voices, and respond faithfully to His leading. Then pray together, asking God to deepen the group's relationship with Him and give them wisdom and courage to follow wherever He leads.