

# Hearing the Voice of God

## Group Discussion

### *Week I*

### Opening Prayer:

Pray from your heart

1. Pray to the Father
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4. In Jesus name

Example:

Father in heaven,

We thank you for gathering us here tonight and for all that we are learning.

Thank you for the presence of Your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to thank God for?)*

Holy Spirit increase our faith that the Father wants to speak to each of us.

Jesus, you promised that whenever two or three gather in your name you would be present. Jesus, bless our gathering with Your presence.

Help us to openly share the wonderful things you are speaking to us.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to ask of God?)*

Father, in Jesus name we pray.

AMEN

### Review and Sharing:

#### Day I “Does God Still Speak?”

Assign different people to look up and read the following scripture verses. After each verse stop and have people share what they hear in each passage.

#### **Principles for Hearing:**

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1) God is my Father                                       | 1 Jn 3:1  |
| 2) My Father has a plan for my life                       | Jer 29:11 |
| 3) My Father wants to make known<br>the plan for my life. | Is 30:21  |

On a scale of 1-10 where is your faith that God would speak to you?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why is it at this place?

Is there anything from Day I that you would like to share?

## **Day II “My Sheep Hear My Voice”**

Read Jn 10:27. What did the Holy Spirit teach you about this verse?

Anything else from Day II that you would like to share?

## **Day III “Gifts of Confirmation”**

Let’s review the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:**

Fear of the Lord	}	Awe and Reverence
Piety ( <i>delighting in God</i> )		Relationship of Son to Father
<b>Counsel</b>	}	<b>To know God’s will</b>
<b>Wisdom</b>		<b>To know how to do God’s will</b>
<b>Might (Fortitude)</b>		<b>The strength to do God’s will</b>
Knowledge	}	Personal revelation of truth
Understanding		Comprehension of revealed truths

Are there any new insights that you received from this definition of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Is there anything else that you would like to share?

## **Day IV & V “Lectio Divina”**

Can anyone, without looking at their papers remember the 4 components of *Lectio Divina*?

## **Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)**

**Lectio- *to read*:** Look up and then write the passage down. As you read have faith that God is speaking to you personally.

**Meditatio – *to meditate*:** What is God saying to you? Use who, what, where, when, why.

**Oratio – *to speak*:** Speak to God about what He is saying to you.

*Note: Meditatio and Oratio can flow back and forth between you and the Holy Spirit as it is a conversation.*

Would anyone like to share their *Lectio* on Mt 4:13-20, or any of the other passages from *Lectio* Day I or *Lectio* Day II?

## **Day VI “Weeks Review”**

What from this Week study sticks out to you?

Do you have any questions about Week I’s study?

## **Closing Prayer**

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We thank you for the gift of our group.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to thank God for?)*

Father, as we go into our week we ask that You would be with us.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to ask of God?)*

Father, in Jesus name we pray.

AMEN

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### *Week II*

### **Opening Prayer:**

Pray from your heart

5. Pray to the Father
6. Give Him thanks
7. Ask for His blessing
8. In Jesus name

Example:

Father in heaven,

We thank you for gathering us here tonight and for all that we are learning.

Thank you for the presence of Your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Thank you for all that you are teaching us.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to thank God for?)*

Holy Spirit, speak to us tonight for your servants are listening.

Turn our hearts to hear from you.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to ask of God?)*

Father, in Jesus name we pray.

AMEN

### **Review and Sharing:**

#### **Day I “Your Servant is Listening”**

How would you describe your relationship with God, the eternal Father?

Before this session, what were your expectations of how God would speak to you?

What did you learn from 1 Kings 19 and 2 Samuel 3?

**Day II “The H.O.W.S. of How God Speaks”**

Can someone share with us the H.O.W.S. of how God speaks?

H  
O  
W  
S

In which one of these ways do you most hear from God?

In which one of these ways are you the weakest in hearing God speak to you?

Anything else from Day II that you would like to share?

**Day III “The Promptings of the Holy Spirit”**

What are some ways that the Holy Spirit prompts you?

What are other ways that the Holy Spirit prompts people?

After hearing this teaching, are there any ways that you experienced the prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**Day IV “Journaling”**

Has anyone ever used a Journal before? If so, can you share what you received from journaling?

What did you learn about Journaling?

How could journaling benefit your spiritual life?

## **Day V “Keys to Hearing God’s Voice”**

What are the 4 Keys to Hearing God’s Voice?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

When you used the 4 Keys, what did you hear from God?

## **Day VI “Weeks Review”**

What from this Week study sticks out to you?

Do you have any questions about Week II’s study?

## **Closing Prayer**

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8. In Jesus name

Example:

Father, we thank you for tonight’s meeting.

We thank you for the gift of our group.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to thank God for?)*

Father, as we go into our week we ask that You would be with us.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to ask of God?)*

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### *Week III*

### Opening Prayer:

Pray from your heart

9. Pray to the Father
10. Give Him thanks
11. Ask for His blessing
12. In Jesus name

Example:

Father in heaven,

We thank you for gathering us here tonight and for all that we are learning.

Thank you for the presence of Your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Thank you for all that you are teaching us.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to thank God for?)*

Holy Spirit, speak to us tonight for your servants are listening.

Turn our hearts to hear from you.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to ask of God?)*

Father, in Jesus name we pray.

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### Review and Sharing:

#### Day I “Letter Writing”

Review the Levels of Intimacy:

Father John Powell S.J. teaches that there are Seven Levels of Intimacy:

- 1) Cliches
- 2) Facts
- 3) Opinions
- 4) Hopes and Dreams
- 5) Feelings
- 6) Fears, Faults and Failures
- 7) Legitimate Needs

When we journal, we want to express as much intimacy as possible to the Lord.

At what Level of Intimacy would you say you are with God?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

What hopes do you have from going through this study?

## **Day II “Discernment”**

What are the Three Principles of Discernment?

Who is a wise person that you could turn to for discernment?

Does anyone have a Spiritual Director? If so, can you share with us your experience of having a Spiritual Director?

## **Day III “Blocks to Hearing”**

What are some of the blocks to Hearing the Voice of God that you remember?

Are there any of those blocks that you are facing? How can you remove these blocks?

## **Day IV “Try to Discover God’s Will”**

On the scale of 1-10, how often do you consider what God’s will might be in a situation?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

When is a time that you sought God’s will?

Read Romans 8:28. What does the Holy Spirit say to you through this passage?

## **Day V “Praying in Tongues”**

What is the Gift of Tongues?

Why does God give this gift?

Did anyone have this gift before listening to the talk? Did anyone receive the gift while listening to the talk?



## **Day VI “Weeks Review”**

What from this Week study sticks out to you?

Do you have any questions about Week II's study?

## **Closing Prayer**

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### *Week IV*

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Pray from your heart

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14. Give Him thanks
15. Ask for His blessing
16. In Jesus name

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Father in heaven,

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Thank you for all that you are teaching us.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to thank God for?)*

Holy Spirit, speak to us tonight for your servants are listening.

Turn our hearts to hear from you.

*(Stop – Is there anything that you would like to ask of God?)*

Father, in Jesus name we pray.

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### Review and Sharing:

#### Day I “The Gift of Prophecy”

How would you define the Gift of Prophecy?

Has anyone in the group ever had someone speak to them a word of prophecy? If you did, what did you experience?

Have someone read 1 Corinthians 14:1

What does this mean?

On a scale of 1-10 what would be your desire for the Gift of Prophecy?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why have you given this rating?

Stop and pray for the Gift of Prophecy. Sit in silence and then ask if the Lord is speaking to anyone a word of prophecy.

### **Day II “Encourage, Exhort, Edify”**

Do “Practicing the Word of Knowledge and Prophecy Model #1” on page 19 of the Quick Reference Booklet.

Do “Practicing the Word of Knowledge and Prophecy Model #2” on page 20 of the Quick Reference Booklet.

What did you just experience?

### **Day III “Word of Knowledge”**

Can anyone define for us the Word of Knowledge?

Has anyone every experienced receiving or giving a Word of Knowledge?

How would the Church benefit from receiving Words of Prophecy and Knowledge?

### **Day IV “Prophecy and the Word of Knowledge”**

Review “Guidelines Prophecy and Word of Knowledge” (*Quick Reference* pg 17) and “Directions on Receiving a Personal Prophecy” (*Quick Reference* pg 18)

### **Day V “Where to Go from Here”**

Where is the Lord leading you from here?

### **Day VI “Weeks Review”**

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