

Hearing God's Voice | Week 1

Introduction

Prayer is a two-way conversation with God, not a monologue. Like a good father, God loves to hear from us and speak love and truth into our lives. As we start a new year, let's set a goal to experience God's presence by learning to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Who is someone in your life who's really good at listening, and what makes them a great listener?
- On a scale of 1-5, how comfortable are you with discussing spiritual things in a group?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [John 10:27](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you believed God was speaking to you?
How did you know it was Him?

Scripture Observation:

2. Read [Romans 8:14-16](#) (NIV). What does this passage tell us about our relationship with God through the Holy Spirit?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

3. What's the difference between viewing prayer as a monologue (one-way) versus a conversation (two-way)?
4. Why do you think God wants to speak to us, not just listen to us?

Personal Application:

5. Listening prayer requires us to slow down and create space to hear God's voice. What would it look like for you to ask the Holy Spirit, "What do you want me to know, do, or pray?" this week?
6. How can our group support each other in developing a listening prayer practice?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. You can use these words or your own words:

"Father, teach us to listen as well as speak. Help us hear Your voice through the Holy Spirit and experience Your presence in deeper ways this year. Make us sensitive to Your leading. Show us what you would have us know, do, or pray this week. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Daily Practices to Help You Grow (5 minutes)

- Set a goal to practice listening prayer three times this week
- Ask the Holy Spirit: "What do you want me to know, do, or pray?"
- Journal what comes to mind and share insights with your group next week
- Read the Bible Reading Plan in the Sun Valley app each day