



God With Us

Life Groups Homework

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“Hearing the Spirit’s Voice”

Introduction

Welcome to the second week of our new sermon series *God With Us*! In this series, we will explore the person of the Holy Spirit and the crucial role he plays in our lives and in the church. The Holy Spirit is God who draws near to us, bringing us power for living in the kingdom. Our sense of conviction, guidance, and spiritual formation are all due to the work of the Spirit. We invite you to join us over the next four weeks as we pursue more of his presence together.

This guide is designed to facilitate deeper understanding and application of the sermon material. Leaders should feel free to tailor it to suit their group’s unique culture.

Getting Started

1. How do you put yourself in a place to simply listen to God? For instance, is there a specific location or time of day that you set aside for this?
2. In what areas of your life do you have questions you would like to hear God address?

Going Deeper

1. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and discuss the following questions together:
 - How does Samuel learn to hear God’s voice? What can we learn from his experience?
 - How would you have felt if you were Samuel and had to deliver this bad news to Eli? How would you have felt if you were Eli?
 - What do you think it means in verse 19 when it says the Lord was with Samuel and “let none of his words fall to the ground”?
 - Share any other observations from the text.
2. Read Acts 13:1-3. When does the Holy Spirit speak to the people? What can we learn from this? What is the role of fasting in our spiritual lives?



Living It Out

1. Review the following tests for the voice of the Spirit shared in the sermon:

- Is it scriptural? (1 Timothy 3:16)
- What are the wise people in your life saying? (Proverbs 11:14)
- Is there an open or a closed door? (Acts 16:6-10)

Have ever thought the Spirit was guiding you in a certain direction, only to have that initial sense run up against one of these tests? What did you gain from the experience?

2. What are other ways you have known or confirmed that a word or prompting was indeed from the Holy Spirit?

3. How would you like to increase or change the way you communicate with God? How often do you say the words, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"?

Corporate Prayer

Close your meeting by praying for one another, both for specific requests and that all members would be transformed by the message encountered in this week's sermon.

