



How to Hear God

Small group notes – Week 3 – GOD’S WORD IN PROPHECY

Note to Small Group Leaders & HOSTs

Welcome to week 3 of How to Hear God! This week we are exploring how to hear God’s word in prophecy. Up to this point we’ve been thinking about how we hear God for ourselves. Prophecy is where we hear God for others.

This week’s video is in 2 parts. After a brief intro you’ll hear some thoughts from Pete Greig as well as an interview with James Aladiran in part 1. James Aladiran heads up a prayer ministry based in Manchester. In the second part Dave will be helping us to hear God for others, in a really practical way.

Welcome

Welcome everyone & introduce yourselves.

Worship

Every good thing starts in God’s presence.

Take some time to worship together. Ask someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, if they will lead your group in some live worship or if that’s not possible, choose a couple songs from one of our playlists: [Youtube Playlist](#) [Spotify Playlist](#)

Key Bible verse

“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.” 1 Corinthians 14:1



Video – Part 1 (12 mins)



Discussion Questions (20 minutes)

What did you find most helpful or challenging in the video?

What are your concerns or fears around the prophetic? What do you think Christians get right, and



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what do you think Christians could do better when talking about or sharing the prophetic?

In the video, James Aladiran shares that “As you walk with God, you start to get familiar with his way of communicating with you”

- In what ways have you heard God speak to you?
- What does God's voice 'sound' like to you?

Share times in your own lives where you feel like God has spoken directly into your own situation?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

- What do these verses tell us about the importance of prophecy?
- How does this guide how we share?



Video - Part 2 (6 mins)



Prophetic Activation (20 minutes)

Encourage those praying to keep their eyes open (physically!), expecting to see what the Lord is doing, and expecting the Lord to speak.

Break into pairs around the room. If you're online, break into 'rooms' of up to 4 people.

Invite Holy Spirit to come.

Here are the 2 options Dave shared:

Option One

Person One will pass or show Person Two an object. (This could be their wallet, a photo, a phone,



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bible, a set of keys etc)

Person Two will take a moment to wait and ask God what the object says about Person One before sharing with Person One.

Option Two

Person Two will look at Person One and ask God for a biblical character to come to mind. Person One will ask God what it is about that character that He wants to share with Person Two and then share carefully.

When sharing, remember the *checklist we shared last week. Is it:*

- **Affirming** – *is it strengthening, encouraging, comforting, edifying and uplifting (see 1 Cor. 14)*
- **Biblical** – *Is it consistent with the bible as a whole?*
- **Christlike** – *does it sound like the kind of thing Jesus would have said and feel like the kind of person he was?*

Next, ask the person if what is shared resonates with them does it resonate with you?

And then swap.

- If you're meeting face to face, repeat this with a few other people.
- If you're meeting online, take it in turns to ensure everyone in the room has the opportunity to share and receive.

Afterwards, take some time to pray for the individual. (see ministry below). You may wish to pray for them immediately or alternatively see if others would appreciate some discernment and then pray for everyone at the end.

Ministry (15 minutes)

Then move into prayer ministry time.

There may be things that have come up as you've shared. Take some time to invite the Holy Spirit, praying for each other for a fresh in-filling of His presence, knowing that His power is in His presence.



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Prayer ministry time is for prayer ministry not intercession, but what's the difference?

Maybe someone shares that they have a difficult meeting at work tomorrow. Intercession is praying for the meeting, and that's OK. But in our small groups, we want to do ministry. We believe that God's Kingdom is near and can break in at any time, including now. So what does the person need? Wisdom, peace, courage? Ask the Holy Spirit to release these to the person now wherever they are!

A model that we find helpful is **Ask-Pray-Ask** as we aim to pray in the way Jesus taught us.

ASK – ask the person what they're asking Jesus to do for them
And ASK the Holy Spirit what He is wanting to do

PRAY – like Jesus did, pray your best prayers. Invite the Holy Spirit to come, and then wait. As pray-ers, let's keep our eyes open to see what the Holy Spirit is doing

ASK – what's happening? If the pain was a 10 out of 10 when they walked in tonight, ask them what they would score the pain now? What are the next steps? Thank God and ask for more. You may find it helpful to go through these steps 2-3 times.

If you're reading the book...

Read chapter 4 of How to Hear God

Next week

Encourage your group to be part of a Sunday service for the next talk and to come back next week.