



How to Hear God

Small group notes – Week 4 – GOD’S WHISPERS IN DREAMS & VISIONS

Note to Small Group Leaders & HOSTs

Welcome to week 4 of How to Hear God! This week we are exploring how to hear God’s whispers in dreams and visions. There are so many examples throughout scripture of God talking to people in this way.

This week’s video is again in 2 parts. After a brief intro you’ll hear some thoughts from Pete Greig as well as an interview with Dr Mara Klemich, a clinical and forensic neuropsychologist. In part 1. In the second part Dave & Cindy will be helping us to hear God for others with another prophetic activation.

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

“May the words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” – Psalm 19:14 (NIV)

On Sunday we looked at God’s whispers in dreams and visions. Ask:

- Are you someone who remembers your dreams?
- Anyone had any significant dreams they would like to share?
- For those who struggle to remember their dreams, what steps could they take to hear God more in their dreams?



Video – Part 1 (15 mins)



Discussion Questions (20 minutes)



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- What did you find most helpful or challenging in the video?
- Do you consider yourself more of a logical or imaginative person? Do you think this impacts the ways that you hear God?
- Pete said that meditation is filling our minds with the beauty of biblical truth. How might this engage with the bible?
- Mara explained the vital role that both logic and imagination play together in our understanding of scripture. What practical step from Pete and Mara's conversation will you apply when you read the Bible?



Video - Part 2 (3 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.

Person Two will share a picture for Person One.

Person Two should imagine a stage with curtains closed. Ask God to put an image behind the curtain. As you open the curtain, whatever is on the stage, speak it out, then ask God what it means for Person One.

OR

Or Person Two should imagine they have a tablet in their hands. When you press the home button



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God will put a picture on the Home Screen, again speak it out and then ask God what it means.

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 "Does what was shared connect 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.

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.



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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 chapters 5&6 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.