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5 LIFE-CHANGING TRUTHS ABOUT GOD

The Voice of God

Pastor John preached on the voice of God last Sunday and encouraged all of us to pursue growing in hearing God's voice. In lifegroup this week we'll look at a passage about hearing God's voice and then move into a practical to grow in actually hearing God's voice.

*Moving forward, we'll be structuring lifegroup curriculum based on the three-thirds format. This format helps us to focus in on the three areas that are foundational to seeing discipleship take root: looking back, looking up, and looking forward. If you missed the training for this or have questions, please contact your section leader or zone pastor.

LOOKING BACK

Vision: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

Introduction Question: When was a time when you felt like you heard God's voice?

Family Time: Sharing praise reports, updates, and prayer requests.

Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?

LOOKING UP

Worship.

Discovery Bible Study (DBS): John 10.1-6

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

DBS Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about people or myself?

- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about hearing Jesus' voice?
- What might God want to say to me through this passage?

LOOKING FORWARD

Application: What am I going to do this week as a result of this passage?

Commissioning: Pray for each other over how we're responding to God's word.

Practical Equipping: Blind Prayer.

In John 10:1-6 we see that we're meant to hear Jesus' voice. We don't always live as if that's true, however. So tonight, we're going to do an activity that gives us an opportunity to hear God's voice. Whether you've heard God's voice before or not, we want to encourage you to jump into this activity and see how God might speak to you and through you. Not everything that comes to mind will be from God, but this activity helps us to grow in hearing God's voice. We're all here to support each other and to grow together so give it a try!

Directions:

- Divide into two groups.
- One group will spread out throughout the room facing the wall and have their eyes closed. Make sure eyes are closed the whole time as the point of this activity is to not know who we are praying for. When we pray for people we know, it can be easy to let what we know about them influence what we think God might want us to pray about. Praying "blind," however, pushes us to hear from God. As they are waiting, folks can begin to ask God to give them words, feelings, pictures, or verses to share.
- The second group will approach someone who is "blind" and tap them with their finger without saying anything (it is important that people don't make any noise that would convey who they are!). This signals to the "blind" person to start praying.
- After the "blind" person is done praying, he/she can turn around and see how what they shared might have spoken to the other person.
- Then switch so everyone gets a chance to pray and receive prayer!
- Debrief: Give folks a chance at the end to share with the group how God might have spoken to them through this exercise. This is an opportunity to share testimonies and to encourage each other that God does speak to us today.
- Encourage people to keep practicing this by asking God to speak to them about those in their lives or on their prayer maps.