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Led by the Spirit: Hearing and Following God's Voice The Familiar Stranger (September 29th, 2025)

Sermon Recap

This week's message focused on how followers of Jesus can hear and follow the voice of the Holy Spirit. The sermon emphasized that God is not silent—He is speaking—and the Spirit of God leads us into truth by echoing the voice of Jesus. Through Scripture, conviction, direction, and wisdom, the Spirit helps us walk closely with God in everyday life. But the real question is: Are we listening?

Check-In

Last week we talked about choosing presence over distraction. Did you take any steps to slow down or be more present with Jesus or others? How did it go?

Connect (Icebreaker)

- Have you ever had a moment where you clearly sensed God speaking to you or leading you? What was that like?
- If God had a “spiritual GPS” for your life, where do you think He might be leading you in this season?

Contemplate (Scripture & Discussion)

Read John 16:12–15 and John 10:3–5 aloud.

- What do these passages tell us about the relationship between Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and us?
- According to John 16, what does the Holy Spirit do?
- What does it mean that the Spirit doesn't speak on His own but only what He hears from Jesus?
- How does the metaphor of the Spirit being like an “interpreter” help us better understand how God communicates?

Consider (Application)

- The Spirit never contradicts Jesus. How are you actively giving the Spirit “vocabulary” by immersing yourself in God's Word?
- Which of the 7 discernment checks (e.g., Christ-exalting, scriptural alignment, fruit of the Spirit, inner witness, community confirmation, wisdom qualities, etc.) has been most helpful for you? Which is most challenging?
- The message said, “What you feed, you fuel.” What are you currently feeding more—your flesh or your spirit?
- What's one area of your life where you need to intentionally listen for the Spirit's direction?

Cover (Prayer)

- Pray through the “Spirit of Truth” litany together:
 - Spirit of truth, shine Your light on any lies I'm believing...
 - Spirit of truth, anchor me in Your Word...
 - Spirit of truth, guide my next step today...
- Pray for one another to grow in discernment and courage to follow the Spirit's voice.
- Ask the Spirit to make your group a people who not only talk about God but truly walk with Him.

Practices for the Week

- Scripture Memorization: Commit John 10:27 to memory: “My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.”
- Listening Prayer Practice: Set aside 5–10 minutes daily in silence to pray: “Spirit of truth, guide my next step today.”
- Discernment Journal: Keep a simple journal this week where you note any promptings, verses, or inner convictions you sense might be from the Spirit. Reflect on them using the 7 Discernment Checks shared in the message.
- Group Discernment: Spend a few minutes in your group this week quietly listening, then sharing what the Spirit may be saying to the group. Always test it with Scripture and community.