

These notes have been put together to be used in Life Groups alongside the Sunday teaching at Wavertree. This week we are covering the topic of tuning into God's voice.

INTRO: Pick one or more of these questions as an ice breaker for the topic

- When you think about hearing God, what's the first thing that comes to mind—excitement, confusion, longing, uncertainty?
- God Speaks in Many Ways - e.g. prophecy, scripture, teaching, dreams, visions, signs, and sometimes even a direct voice.
 - When have you felt God speak to you? What did it look or feel like?
 - Which of the ways God speaks are more or less familiar to you?

20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill— 21 while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

Dan 9:20-21

Daniel received amazing visions from the Lord. He also lived a life of commitment and faithfulness at great personal cost as he figured out how to live in a secular society while staying faithful to God.

His story reminds us God longs for intimacy with us, but it does require commitment and cost on our part.

Question - what effort am I putting into my relationship with God at the moment?

HEAR - an acronym to support us in tuning into God

In your discussion you could work your way through all 4 points or focus on just 1 or 2 of them.

H — Hallelujah (Worship)

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8–9; Daniel 2:27

Worship puts God in His rightful place and stills our heart to hear Him

- How does worship—singing, reflecting, thanking—prepare your heart to hear God?
- What forms of worship help you become still inside?

E — Escape (Stillness & Retreat)

Scripture: Song of Songs 2:10–11

Stillness creates space for God’s voice. While God meets us in the everyday, Scripture often shows Him speaking during times of retreat. One reason for this is that retreat is an intentional investment in friendship with God.

- When was the last time you had quiet space with God?
- What makes stillness hard for you?
- Is there a way you could create more intentional space with Him?

A — Attitude (Humility & Surrender)

Scripture: James 4:10

Humility shifts our posture from simply wanting answers, to seeking God Himself. Repentance is a key part of this posture.

- What does humility and repentance in prayer look like for you?
- What thoughts or needs tend to crowd your mind? Practically what techniques help you to hand them to God?
- How might praying for others open you to hearing God more clearly?

R — Relationship (Ongoing with God)

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:11

God wants more than to give us answers, He desires a deep relationship. Having that relationship brings context and meaning to what He says.

- How do you currently cultivate relationship, not just requests, with God?
- What has helped you to recognise God's voice over time?
- What could help deepen your relational listening to God this week?

Practice:

Write what you sense God saying. Revisit it. Ask, "Lord, is this right?" Grow the relationship of intentional listening.

GROUP EXERCISE:

Take 2–3 minutes of silence to listen to God. Encourage the group to hold a humble, worshipful, relational posture.

Share gently: What did you notice—peace, a word, a picture, a scripture, nothing but stillness?

CLOSING PRAYER:

God would you give us ears to hear you clearly, humble, worshipful hearts for deeper relationship with you and courage to make the space to listen.