



WEEK FIVE

**GOD SPEAKS
THROUGH
OUR
CONSCIENCE/
INNER
WITNESS**

PREPARING FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP

There are only two weeks left. It's time to start looking ahead.

WHAT TO COMMUNICATE

- Send out prayer requests to the group.
- If anyone missed the group, be sure to reach out and see if they need anything.
- Encourage everyone to read Week 5 of *Hearing God*.

WHAT TO PRAY

- Pray for any prayer requests that were mentioned at your last meeting.
- Pray for your group's next steps after *Hearing God* ends, and that everyone would be excited to continue meeting.
- Pray for each person in your group to grow in their ability to hear and recognize God's voice for themselves.

WHAT TO EXPECT

With only two weeks left, it's time to start looking ahead. What will your Small Group do after *Hearing God* ends? Begin talking to your group about your next steps:

- 1 Plan something fun to do together.
- 2 Pick your next study.



Coaching Tip: When you talk to your group about next steps, have an idea of what you want to do. Discuss it with your group, and they will follow your lead.

Speaking of next steps, as you pray for the people in your group, ask God, "What is *each person's* next step?" Maybe someone needs to get baptized. Maybe someone needs to start serving. Maybe someone should start co-leading the Small Group with you. The list is endless. Spend time thinking about the people in your group and praying for God to give them their next step. Remember, people grow as they take steps.

LEADING YOUR SMALL GROUP



WEEK 5

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WARM-UP

What's an early memory of your conscience telling you something was right or wrong?

INTRO

God has given everyone a conscience, an inner-voice to help guide them. But like everything else, we have to develop our conscience and our ability to hear from God clearly. Today, we are going to talk about how to sense when God is speaking to your conscience and how to grow in this area.

DISCUSSION

1. How would you describe the voice of your conscience?
2. Is our conscience always right? How do we know when we can trust it?
3. The Bible teaches that your conscience can become "seared" through deception and disobedience (1 Timothy 4:2). What do you think it means to have a seared conscience? How would that affect someone?
4. In what ways can you help your conscience become more sensitive to God's voice?



5. Page 123 talks about how your conscience is a part of your personality. This can affect how you sense God speaking to you. For example:

“Some people get a directional word from their conscience. Others may see a picture that helps them think about it from a different perspective. Some people’s imaginations create a movie in their mind as if they can see what will happen if they follow or ignore their conscience. Other people simply know what they’re supposed to do through a strong feeling.”

Have you ever felt God speak to you in one of these ways? Does God speak to you more often in one particular way than the others?

6. We need to develop both our incoming and outgoing channels of communication with God. How would you describe the difference between those two channels?
7. Do you struggle more with the incoming channel or the outgoing? Explain.

APPLICATION

Has God already been trying to say something to you through an inner witness? If so, what is it, and what should you do?

PRAYER

- Pray for anyone who responded to the application question above.
- Pray for everyone to cultivate their ability to hear and discern God’s voice better.
- Take prayer requests and pray for the needs of the group.

