



WEEK FOUR

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH TRUSTED VOICES

PREPARING FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP

You're halfway done! Begin to focus on one-on-one connections.

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 4 of *Hearing God*.

WHAT TO PRAY

- Pray for any prayer requests that were mentioned at your last meeting.
- As you begin the last half of the *Hearing God* study, pray that people would open up even more during your group, and that the friendships would grow even deeper.
- Pray that your Small Group would become a place of trusted voices to help each other hear from God.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You're already halfway through the study! At this point, it's a good idea to start connecting with each person in your Small Group one-on-one. Meet for coffee, grab a bite, or hang out after church. As a Small Group Leader, you want to make a personal connection with everyone in the group and help them take their next step in their walk with God. As you do, the second half of the study will go even deeper. Remember, people will enjoy the discussion in your Small Group, but it's the connections that keep them coming back.



LEADING YOUR SMALL GROUP



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WARM-UP

Name some of the voices clamoring for our attention today. Are these voices good or bad?

INTRO

We're bombarded every day with hundreds of voices, shouting their opinions at us. It can be hard to hear from God. Thankfully, God has given us help. Through the church, we are surrounded with trusted voices we can turn to for advice and guidance. Today, let's talk about the different voices in our lives, and how they can help us hear from God.

DISCUSSION

1. Why is it important to consider the source of the voices we listen to?
2. **Read Proverbs 12:15.** What does this verse tell you about foolishness?
3. Why do we have a tendency to use confirmation bias to make poor decisions?
4. Have you ever used confirmation bias to make a bad decision in the past? Explain.
5. According to Proverbs 12:15, what is the solution to making poor choices?

6. Whose advice should we listen to? How do you determine if someone is a good person from whom to seek advice? What should be the criteria?
7. Look at the list of five bullet points on page 102. Who in your life fits this list (or comes relatively close)?
8. Is there a decision you are trying to make, or an issue you need wisdom handling? What is it?

APPLICATION

Who are the strongest voices in your life? Do you need to make any changes to the voices you listen to?

PRAYER

- Pray for everyone to grow deeper in the good relationships God has placed in their lives.
- Pray that your Small Group would become a trusted place where people can ask questions and help each other through life's challenges.
- Take prayer requests and pray for the needs of the group.