

ACTIVATE School of Healing & Evangelism

Session 3: Prophetic Evangelism—*Kara Sensenig & Tyler, TX YWAM Team*

I. Hearing God's Voice

"Our ability to manifest spiritual fruit in the prophetic depends on our union to the Holy Spirit, not our gifts or skill level." - Shawn Bolz

A. Christianity is about relationship.

1. **We follow a God who speaks!** The narrative of Scripture shows a God who knows how to communicate. Cover to cover the Bible is about God communicating with His people. God is not like the mute idols that don't speak that **1Corinthians 12** talks about.
2. **Intimacy with God** - The most important part of evangelism or your ability to hear His voice and move in any of your gifts, is intimacy with Him. It's about you getting to know His heart for you and cultivating your relationship with Him!
3. **Real gifting that builds the kingdom comes from a place of deep love.**
 - The people who grow in the prophetic the quickest are the people who are already naturally encouraging everyone around them. This is where it starts. Prophetic power comes when we see with God's eyes and *"comes when we see God's original design over nations, cities, people groups, industries, children, etc."* (Shawn Bolz).
4. *"Developing a life in God's presence above all else is the only way to fulfill our God-given destinies. Keys to our callings are released when we spend time there."* - Heidi Baker
 - It's about developing your history with God.
 - He begins to overwhelm you with love for the people around you! His good, kind voice has become the force that leads your life.

B. A willingness to take risks causes my faith to grow and fruit to appear

1. Don't wait till you have it all figured out to begin to step out and bless those around you.
2. As we grow in intimacy with Him, we learn to recognize the way He speaks to us. A big part of this is our willingness to take risks.
3. When I find that there was some sort of impact or I heard Him correctly, I then begin to pay attention and ask myself what it felt like when that was happening. Pretty soon I'm able to respond when similar circumstances line up and I feel/sense the same things. This will increase the effectiveness of my gift.

C. My Sheep Hear My Voice (John 10)

1. *Every follower of Jesus' has the ability to hear and respond to the voice of God as a natural part of being in relationship with Him.*

2. Often times when we think of God speaking, we think of dramatic instances like open visions or angelic visitations, but God speaks to us in many ways, and we often overlook some of them.
3. He speaks quite a bit through the Word as we spend time reading and meditating on Scripture.

D. God's voice "sounds" like:

1. When God communicates, He does it through spontaneous thoughts, pictures, words impressions, or feelings that drop into our spirit.

- a. Often God's promptings can come as a quick flash of images. Often times something we weren't expecting to think about.
 - i. *Example: "Doctor"*
 - ii. *Example: Treasure hunting teams*
- b. It is helpful to quiet yourself in order to listen
- c. As you're spending time with God, or even going about a daily task, try praying in your prayer language for a bit. Then get quiet and listen. He will speak and He will show you things.
- d. Regularly ask Him questions and wait for Him to respond. Dialogue with Him!

2. The Spirit bearing witness

- a. Sometimes you will have an immediate sense in your spirit that what someone is saying is from God. The Holy Spirit resides in your inner man or your spirit man. We don't wait for things to drop on us from heaven but rather the Spirit within rises up.
- b. This is similar to insights or tugs at our hearts and can occur as we're sitting in silence, or it can occur through things happening around us.
- c. Awareness and familiarity with God will enable Him to speak anywhere anytime!
- d. **Jeremiah 18** - The prophet talks about watching a potter shape a wheel. Suddenly the word of the Lord comes, and God speaks directly to him about the future.

3. A Word of Knowledge -

- a. *Simple definition:* a nugget of information that we wouldn't know on our own; it is supernaturally revealed by God. It's information about the past or present.
- b. *The woman at the well -*
- c. *A word of knowledge builds faith.* They set an atmosphere of *WOW!* and pull people in.
 - i. A Word of knowledge may come quickly, flitting through your mind.
 - ii. It may be rather vague, tempting you to screen it out, to ignore it.

Practice “tuning in” to these revelations and speaking them out.

- iii. Resist the thought that a word you have received is not important, or that it is “just you”. Remember it builds faith in the other person to know that God has revealed this condition to you. **What seems like a vague impression to you may be a shout to the other person!**
- d. Pay attention to your physical body -
 - i. Like sympathy pains - *Described as temporary, prophetic manifestations of pain or discomfort someone else is experiencing from a condition that needs healing.* Not your own stuff!
 - ii. *Example:* Shooting pain in neck down into shoulder

II. Tips for praying for people

1. When you pray for people you don’t know, it’s good to remember that the concept of being prayed for can take some people by surprise.
 1. After spotting someone (word of knowledge or not) who could use prayer, I will often engage them in conversation. Ask them a question. Eventually I introduce myself as I’m building rapport with them. Then I ask them if I can pray for them.
 2. When giving a prophetic word sometimes it just happens and I’m beginning to speak encouraging things over them. I never say, *“I’m going to give you a prophetic word now.”*
 3. Asking questions is helpful.
 4. Gauge where a person is at. If it feels awkward, you can acknowledge it by saying, *“this feels a little awkward, doesn’t it?”* Ask questions about what they’re experiencing. Be kind and accessible. It’s okay to be yourself and be sensitive, but speak boldly.
 5. You have to do this a bunch of times in order to feel more comfortable and that it’s natural.
- B. **Calling out the Gold in People’s Lives** - *“Dig for the gold, not the dirt!”* - Robby Dawkins
 1. There are hidden treasures in each person’s life. It doesn’t matter how hurt or broken a person seems, God has put His image there and so every person uniquely expresses something about Him.
 2. No matter who I encounter, I ask the Father, ***“What is Your heart for this person?”***
 3. **Learn to flip the negative things that you see and sense.** We are called to protect people’s dignity and not call out junk and expose them. That doesn’t do much anyway. We call people forward and into the Father’s love for them.
 4. The most important thing, no matter what you’re saying or doing...the most powerful thing you’re doing is ministering God’s love to people.

C. Revelation, Interpretation, Application

1. When we get a word or picture, we always ask, *“God what does this mean?” “What are you speaking through this picture?”* Learn to dialogue with Him.
2. In everything we do, we’re asking for the revelation and interpretation and sometimes we even get the application. Or we may get one of these three, and the recipient may get the other parts.
3. The three parts go together, but sometimes figuring out how they fit can be a process.

III. Activation - We approach God with faith that He will speak.

When we get a word or a picture, we can pray for an interpretation or ask if there’s anything else He wants to say, but sometimes what we got is all we get. We must only speak what we think God is showing us. It’s not up to us to make sense of it or drive it home. We don’t have to try to spiritualize it or create an elaborate prayer around it. That can actually dilute the message for the individual because it was God’s direct communication to them just the way it came. We need to just say what we see.

1. Partner up with another person.
2. Take a moment to pray over your mind, ask God to speak to you and trust the first thing that pops into your mind.
3. Take a few minutes to share what you feel the Holy Spirit was sharing with you for your partner.
4. Pray for your partner
5. Switch