

Growth Track 4 Handout

Signal vs. Noise

Hearing the Voice of God in a Noisy World

Key Verse: *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” — John 10:27*

Big Idea

God still speaks. Spiritual maturity grows when we turn the noise down, treasure His Word, stay sensitive to His Spirit, and obey quickly when He speaks.

1. Why God’s Voice Matters

- God’s voice leads, warns, comforts, corrects, strengthens, and calls.
- The safest place in the world is where God said to be.

2. What Noise Really Is

- Noise is anything competing with God for authority in your life.
- Noise can come from emotions, fear, habits, past wounds, entertainment, and constant scrolling.
- Distraction is dangerous because believers who do not listen well will not follow well.

3. The Main Ways God Speaks

- Scripture — the clearest and primary voice of God.
- His Spirit — promptings, conviction, peace, and spiritual checks.
- Prayer — not only talking, but listening in His presence.
- Godly counsel — trusted spiritual voices that align with Scripture.
- Circumstances — helpful only when interpreted through the Word and the Spirit.

4. Daily Disciplines That Tune Your Heart

- Daily prayer — pick a time, a place, and a real plan.
- Daily Word — read to hear, not just to finish.

- Daily silence — even a few quiet minutes can reset your soul.
- Consistency beats intensity that does not last.

5. How to Recognize God’s Voice

- It agrees with Scripture.
- It produces conviction and clarity, not compromise.
- It draws you closer to Jesus.
- It carries settled peace, even when obedience is hard.
- It calls for response, not excuses.

6. Obedience Is Proof You Heard

- Hearing without obeying becomes self-deception.
- God often waits for obedience to what He already said before giving more clarity.
- Instant obedience sharpens discernment; delayed obedience dulls it.

Simple Daily Rhythm	What It Looks Like
Prayer	Worship • Surrender • Ask • Listen
Word	Ask: What does this show me about God, expose in me, and call me to do?

Reflection & Response

- What noise has been loudest in my life lately?

- Which discipline is weakest right now: prayer, Word, silence, or obedience?

- What has God already made clear that I need to obey?

- What one change can I make this week to hear Him more clearly?

Prayer: Lord, turn the noise down in me. Make me tender to Your Word, sensitive to Your Spirit, and quick to obey when You speak. Amen.