



Faith Community Church
God Speaks

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Father, we know we are to hear when You speak. So help our conversation to open our eyes to how You speak, and to give us courage to act.

Icebreaker: Share about a time when you had to make a decision without having all the information. How did that feel? What did you do?

Key Takeaways:

1. God speaks to His people!
2. Prayer's purpose is not to present our wishlists to God; instead, we are to submit our hearts to Him and seek His Will.
3. A discerning heart obeys immediately, even when it doesn't understand.
4. A discerning heart remains in-tune with God by seeking and living in His Presence.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which option did you choose to practice last week: Morning gratitude, Ebenezer journal, gratitude shift, thankfulness outreach, or self-talk audit. Tell us about it!
2. The Bible is God's breathed Word. How seriously do you take the Bible when you open to read it? Have you ever heard God speak when a portion jumped off the page? Tell us about it! (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
3. 1 John 5:14-15 tells us that if we ask according to His Will, we will receive what we ask for. How can prayer help us to ask according to His Will? (Jeremiah 29:12-13)
4. Understanding is not required for obedience. How does that challenge our American way of thinking? How can we adjust? (1 Samuel 15:1-23, Matthew 2:13-15)
5. What are our excuses for delaying obedience? (Acts 24:24-27, Luke 6:46-49)

6. Being in God's presence softens our hearts and opens our ears so we are ready to hear God's voice. What are ways we can seek God's presence? (Proverbs 28:9, Proverbs 2:1-8, Psalm 40:6-8)
7. Dwelling in God's presence keeps us in-tune with Him constantly. But most of us don't work at a church. How can we take His presence with us no matter where we go? (Psalm 105:1-4, 1 Corinthians 10:31)
8. How can *knowing God* give us confidence to obey His voice? (Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20, Proverbs 3:5-7 CSB)

Practical Applications:

1. This week, make a conscious effort to listen to God's Word as you read it. See how God speaks.
2. Daily Practice: Commit to a period of silence each day this week to simply listen for God's voice (no requests, just listening). Start with 60 seconds. See if you can get up to 5 minutes.
3. Scripture Focus: Read through the Christmas story (Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2) looking specifically for times when people heard and obeyed God's voice.
4. Accountability Partner: Pair up with someone in the group to check in mid-week about what God might be saying to each of you and how you are obeying.
5. One Act of Obedience: Share with the group one thing God has been speaking to you about and commit to taking action on it this week (check in with your accountability partner). Be prepared to share next week!

Closing Prayer: Pray for clarity to hear God's voice, courage to obey immediately, discipline to cultivate daily time with God, and wisdom on these decisions.