

SMALL GROUPS

Leader Conversation Guide – How to Hear God’s Voice

Main Idea

God is still speaking—and He wants to speak to *you*. But many people struggle to hear His voice clearly. This message helps us remove distractions, tune our hearts back to God, and cultivate an environment where we can hear Him. Hearing God’s voice begins when we slow down, eliminate competing noise, and prepare our hearts. As we read His Word, worship intentionally, and stay planted in the local church, we position ourselves to hear from a speaking God.

Make It Practical

- **God is a Speaking God** – From the first pages of Scripture, God has always spoken to His people. He still speaks today—through His Word, His Spirit, and His people.
- **Barriers to Hearing His Voice**
 - **Busyness** – When our lives are too full, we can’t make space for God’s whispers.
 - **Competing Voices** – Social media, culture, and distractions drown out God’s voice.
 - **Unprepared Heart** – The seed of God’s Word falls flat if the soil of our heart isn’t ready.
- **Ways to Position Yourself to Hear**
 1. **Read His Word** – The Bible is God’s voice in written form. It’s alive and powerful.
 2. **Cultivate His Presence** – Through worship and prayer, we invite God to speak.
 3. **Get Planted in the Church** – Being rooted in God’s house opens us up to His voice through teaching, community, and serving.

Key Scripture

“Be still and know that I am God.”

— Psalm 46:10 NIV

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

— John 10:27 NIV

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

— Psalm 119:105 NIV

Talk About It

1. What part of this message impacted you the most?
2. Do you believe God still speaks today? Why or why not?
3. Which of the three distractions—**busyness**, **competing voices**, or an **unprepared heart**—gets in your way the most?
4. Have you ever sensed God speak to you personally? What was that experience like?
5. Which of the three ways to hear God (Word, worship, church) do you most need to lean into?
6. What practical step can you take this week to quiet your soul and hear God more clearly?

Prayer

God, thank You that You still speak. Help us slow down, remove distractions, and prepare our hearts. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey. Teach us to recognize Your voice through Your Word, Your presence, and Your people. We want to walk closely with You and follow Your leading every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader Tips

Many people feel uncertain or even intimidated by the idea of hearing God. Remind your group that it's less about *mystical moments* and more about *intentional practices*. Encourage your group to *journal*, *read a verse a day*, or *schedule quiet time* during the week. If someone shares they're struggling to hear God, affirm their desire and offer accountability. Share your own journey—especially the *small ways* God speaks.