

LEADERS NOTES

This material is to spur questions and discussion. Let the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. You DO NOT have to "get through" all the material. But to affirm the "point" of the lesson.

Have People Read most Scripture verses mentioned as you have Time

[Story] Corrie Ten Boom Trip

- A woman felt the Lord was directing her to travel from Sidney, Australia, to Cape Town, South Africa, to Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Her travel agent replied that the trip was impossible since there was no place for the plane to land and refuel on the way to Cape Town from Sydney, Australia.
- The woman, not taking no for an answer, insisted that she must obey God: "My chief has told me I must go first to Cape Town and after that to Tel Aviv."
- The travel agent replied, "Then God made a mistake. There is no direct flight from Australia to Africa since there is no island in the Indian Ocean for the plane to land and refuel. That is why you must first go over land to Tel Aviv and then to Cape Town."
- The woman simply replied, "I'll just have to pray for an island in the Indian Ocean." She then simply prayed, "Lord if I have made a mistake in hearing your direction, please show me. But if I heard correctly, then open the way."
- One hour later, the travel agent called the woman back, asking, "Did you really pray for an island in the Indian Ocean? I just received a telegram from Qantas, the Australian airline. They have just begun to use the Cocos Islands for a refueling station and beginning tomorrow will have a direct flight from Sydney to Cape Town."
- The woman's name, to whom the travel agent spoke, in amazement, was Corrie Ten Boom. The woman of faith who hid Jews from the Nazi's and travelled the world, following the direct guidance of God, sharing the Gospel.

Where does Prophecy originate? ←
 Where does the H.S. get his messages to Pass onto us?
 What is the purpose of Prophecy?

glorify the Father and the Son ←

Do a general brainstorming session to get Idea of people consensus ←

come up with real practical ways why we don't hear today? ←

- Open In Prayer

- Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Starting Dec 3 Sundays @ 9:50am .

Christmas Banquet December 9 - **Fundraiser** for The Hub.

The Hub meets a vital need in our area helping people that fall through the cracks of other programs. Come out to hear what they are doing in our Community. **Please Bring Items for donation and Silent Auction**

Last Weeks Key point: *If one is eager for the manifestations of the Spirit, then be eager for those gifts that build up the church; specifically, the gift of prophecy. Prophecy is to function in three ways: to exhort, edify and comfort the church. It builds up the body and its members. It speaks moral precepts and warning. It gives encouragement.*

Follow up and review last weeks discussion, What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work with your family?

This Weeks Passages Read aloud: : John 14:21, John 14:26, John 16:13-15, John 14:15-17

Key Point:: Jesus communicates to us through the Holy Spirit.

He communicates in different ways. God speaks in various ways to man. Do not limit or quench the way in which the Spirit may speak, by your current or past experience(s).

[Story] Can you recount P.Shannons telling of Corrie Ten Booms Trip

Do you have that kind of faith in God? Do you have that kind of relationship with the Holy Spirit? Could you live that way? What has God called you to do? What is He whispering or talking to you about? How do you know?

Guidance in Giving a Word of Prophecy

Discuss the underlined sections.

“John 16:13-15 “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Our understanding from John 16:13-15 is that the Holy Spirit guides, speaks, hears, tells what is to come and He makes things known. We also Holy Spirit's main function is to _____ and by doing so, He teaches, communicates and will remind one of what Jesus has said (John 14:26).

In What Ways Does Can One Hear God (Receive a Word)?

“**Spirit Speaks Through Whisper** (prompting or leading) Him (1 Kgs. 19:11) Have we heard the whisper of the Spirit? What can hinder us from hearing the whisper? _____

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is there a difference between audible and inaudible (ie very clearly a strong voice in your mind?)

Have People Read most Scripture verses mentioned as you have Time.

How to test ?

- Does it line up with Scripture;
- Does it hurt the one intended;
- Does it Up lift God;
- Does it encourage, lead to stronger walk in Faith

Can we site examples of doing these things?
 Despising the H.S.-
 Neglecting our gifts-
 Shutting down emotionally-
 Resisting the fruit

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you,
What is God asking you to do about todays discussion?
*Who **will you allow** to hold you accountable to this?*
*For you personally, what **do you need to adjust** in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center?*

An Audible Voice (Mt.3:17) (Acts 9:4; 22:6, 7; 26:14)

have you heard God speak in an audible voice, Would you share?

God Speaks Through Pictures – Dreams and Visions

-Acts 2:17

Dreams and visions were given of Jesus' birth.

Read (Mt. 1:20) (Mt. 2:12) (Mt. 2:13)(Mt. 2:19, 20).

have you heard God speak in in a dream, Would you share?

-Not all dreams are from the Spirit. Remember to test them. How do we test them?

Body or Emotions

-Ever had a problem with not being able to sleep?

-A good indicator of walking in the Spirit is a lack of anxiety, nervousness, fear or being upset. *Mt. 6:25, 27,30c, 31a, 32b, 33*

-Need to be careful about emotions, dreams and thoughts because not all are from God. They must be tested and never contradict what God says in His Word.

The fact is God is offensive. The Holy Spirit convicts and makes us uncomfortable. His very presence is offensive because He is holy and we are not.

Ask : Are we in our culture today offensive? Why does the world think so?

A Word in our Mind's Eye - One's Knower

Pastor Reimer refers to this as the Holy Spirit speaking directly to our spirit (p.68). It is when all of a sudden, we just know something, without any previous thoughts, knowledge or sense of anything. Like meeting someone for the first time and knowing something is not right or a bad feeling or sense.

Ask/discuss: has God given this to you for antoher or yourself? Would you share?

So now what? What if I cannot still hear the Spirit?

Nullifying the Ability to Hear God

First and foremost, one must not quench the Spirit or grieve the Spirit. We can grieve the Spirit by:

Despising the supernatural work of the Spirit and treat it with contempt

(1 Thess. 5:19-21).

Neglecting the gift, we have been entrusted with (1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6).

Shutting down my emotions when joyful, spiritual expressions are called for (Eph. 5:18-20).

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Resisting the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30).

What to do if I believe the Spirit is speaking to me

- Record what you hear. Ask for clarity.
- Test what you hear against Scripture. The Spirit will not speak anything contrary to the Bible. He only speaks what He hears the Father and Son say (John 14:26; 16:13-15).
 - o Reject what contradicts. Accept what does not.
- There are some words that do not contradict Scripture, but may not be of God...what do I do?
 - o Take it to someone who respects prophecy, walks in humility, is in the Word, listens to the Spirit and displays discernment.
 - o Ask like Corrie Ten Boom, "Lord if I have made a mistake in hearing your direction, please show me. But if I have heard correctly, then open the way or show me the way."

in Closing ask the Group to Consider these questions in their Quiet time this Week!

Close In Listening Prayer

Have group quietly ask God what He wants them to pray for a few minutes, then pray as the Holy Spirit Leads. Have someone specific Close God Bless