

Life Group Curriculum:

Accelerate - Upward Focus

February 2015 - Week 4

Goal for this week's meeting:

Hear God speak in our daily quiet times.

Check-in:

Share with the group what God has said to you this past week as you've applied the adjustments to your daily devotional time. What has happened in your life this week that can only be explained by the working of the Holy Spirit?

Barriers to hearing God speak:

"The Bible singles out a particular sin that impedes our prayer life. That is the sin of broken relationships." Reflect on this and write out your next step to reconcile with others. [Chapter 6 - read in full]

What other reasons can you think of that may explain why you are not hearing God speak to you?

Keys to hearing God speak:

"We must learn to make the connection between our prayers and what happened." This is key to personally hearing God speak.

Give an example from your own experiences where you can link your quiet time to what happened next.

Question: What steps will you take to make your prayer life more like a relationship - a two-way communication with God?

Hearing God speak through circumstances:

Prepare to tell a story of how God has spoken to you through difficult circumstances. What has He taught you through this? Remember to ask yourself when you are going through a tough situation: "What is God saying to me through this? What does He want me to change?" Without a doubt, He always wants to draw us closer to Himself in relationship. If He sent His Son to die for us, to reconcile us to Him and restore the relationship, surely He would use our tough circumstances to draw us to Him?

Write a prayer to God asking Him by His Holy Spirit to increase your level of awareness and alertness to recognize His voice in the midst of your circumstances. [Chapter 7 - read in full]

Question: What value is there in keeping a record of what you have heard from God? Refer to article by Michael Hyatt on Journaling. [Chapter 9 - read summary only]

Practical Application:

What are your next steps to increase your passion to seek Him? Take Jeremiah 29:12 - 13 as personal communication from God to you, His promise to you. Journal about His promise and your part according to these verses. [Chapter 11 - read conclusion only]

Check-out:

Break into groups of 2 or 3 and spend some time praying for one another that we would be committed to continuing this journey of spiritual development through continuously increasing our connection and relationship with Him, hearing Him speak to us regularly.