

GROUP GUIDE

NEWSPRING CHURCH

THE LIFE OF JOB

HOW DO I KNOW GOD IS SPEAKING TO ME?

WEEK 4



BIG IDEA

So far from the life of Job, we've seen that to have a blessed life we can't give up, we must stop making excuses, and we must be faithful with God has given to us. This week, we will see that if you want your life to be blessed, you must learn to submit and surrender to the voice of God.

GET STARTED

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Who is the best listener you know? What makes that person a good listener?

What about when it comes to God? Do you talk to God or listen to God more? Why?

After his life fell apart in Job 1 and 2, Job and his three friends had a lot to say about why these things were happening. The problem was that even though they were talking about God, they weren't talking to God. But eventually God showed up and responded (Job 38:1-7).

> WATCH THE CLIP FROM PERRY'S MESSAGE.

DISCUSS

1. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE BIBLE

Does the way you treat your Bible show that you believe God speaks through it?

What is one way you can change the time, place, or attitude with which you read the Bible to show you believe that?

The Bible is the Word of God to us. If we want to know what God has to say, then we must be committed first and foremost to the Word of God.

2. GOD SPEAKS TO US IS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

> READ JOHN 14:23-26.

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What does the Spirit do according to these verses?

3. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE CHURCH.

If God speaks through the Church, then what attitude should we have when we are with God's people?

God never intended for us to live life alone. When the Word is preached and the Spirit is moving in the church of God, the people of God will grow and change by His power.

4. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH EACH OTHER.

> READ PROVERBS 13:20 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33.

What does surrounding ourselves with these kinds of people have to do with hearing the voice of God?

Just like you would never take financial advice from someone who is bankrupt, you aren't going to hear the voice of God from people who are not following Him closely. If we want to hear God's voice, then we should form close relationships with people who are seeking after Him.

NEXT STEPS

Help your group identify what next steps we need to take together.

What is your next step in reading the Bible? Do you need to carve out a daily time and place? Do you need more consistency?

Are there any relationships that you need to end because they're hindering you from hearing the voice of God?

What is your next step in commitment to the church to show that you believe God speaks through the church?

PRAY

Thank God that He is not silent. Ask Him to help you and your Group clearly hear and obey His voice.

LEADER TIPS

Midway through this week, send a follow-up email to your group with some or all of the following:

- Questions to consider as they continue to reflect on what they learned this week:
 - **How have you heard God speak today?**
 - **Is there anyone you need to share the Word from God with right now?**
- A note of encouragement, following up on any specific prayer requests mentioned during your group gathering.
- The challenge to memorize Hebrews 4:12.