

PRACTICE TWO

WHAT HEARING GOD IS NOT

BEFORE YOU LEAD

For the best experience in leading your group through discussion, it is important for you to preview the session's video so you can familiarize yourself with the content, session outline and discussion questions. It is also worth taking a few minutes to consider how to make this work within your group's timeframe .

INTRODUCTION

Welcome everyone. Pray to begin.

Say: Over the last week, we were supposed to read through five passages and spend time reading the word, praying, and journaling.

1. What did this week's practice look like for you?
2. What about this week's practice was valuable or difficult for you?

Transition: Before the video, encourage everyone to get their pencil/pen and notebook/journal out to take some notes. The title of this session is *What hearing God is not*.

VIDEO (30 MINUTES)

DISCUSSION

Dallas Willard said, "the desire for control is a primary reason we fail to hear God".

1. What do you think he meant by this?
2. What are some places in your life that you might desire control over hearing God?
3. How might reading your Bible as part of an ongoing friendship with God differ from reading as a superstitious practice in trying to hear from God?

Read: Acts 17:26-28

1. What might change in your relationship with God if you truly believed that He was not far off?

THE PRACTICE PROMPT

Each practice week, we will be providing a practice prompt for everyone to do on their own throughout the week. We want to invite and encourage each of us to make space to read, reflect, and use each passage as a journaling/written prayer prompt before our next practice week. You could choose to go through these passages individually or in one sitting a couple times.

1. 1 Samuel 3:6-10: Willingness to hear and obey God's voice
2. 1 Kings 19:11-13: The still, small voice and its rivals
3. Matthew 25:14-30: The parable of the talents
4. Matthew 6:9-13: The Lord's Prayer

CLOSE IN PRAYER

This is a great time to pray for one another and for what's going on in each person's life. Be sure to also pray that each person would be willing to listen for the still, small voice.