

Hearing God's Voice

Goal: To begin to answer these common questions: How do I hear from God? How do I discern His will for my life?

Openers:

- *Play a game of tele-charades! Choose 5-6 people and ask them to line up in a row, facing away from you. Ask the first person to turn around and see the first clue to be acted out (see clues on the last page, or make up your own!). Reveal the clue to the person and to the rest of the people not playing also. The first person then turns around and taps the next person in line in the shoulder. He or she then acts out the clue using classic charades rules (no talking or noises). The second person observes closely, then taps the third person and acts out exactly what he or she saw. The last person in line tries to guess what the action is. Play as many rounds as you have time for!*
- Transition: communication is not always clear. How many of you have ever felt that God does not communicate to us as clearly as we would like?
- What is one decision you have to make that you would really like to know God's will about? For example:
 - *What should I major in?*
 - *Should I be a pastor or a missionary or should I work in my field or should I be a stay-at-home parent?*
 - *Who should I marry? Should I even get married?*
 - *What should I do this summer? Next year?*

Scripture:

Split your Core into 4 groups. Give each group a list of Scriptures to look up and tell them to answer these questions about what they read.

- What were the authors of these verses trying to say about finding God's will?
- How do these Scriptures inform our view of how to make important decisions?

Group 1: Exodus 3:1-10, Luke 1:26-38, Acts 16:6-8

Group 2: Ephesians 1:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6, Ephesians 5:15-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 1 Peter 2:13-15

Group 3: Proverbs 1:5, 11:14, 12:15, 13:10, 15:22, 19:20, 20:18, 27:9

Group 4: Romans 1:9-13, James 4:13-15, 1 Corinthians 7:21, 1 Samuel 1:21-23, 1 Chronicles 13:1-4

- Come back as a whole Core and have each group share a brief summary of their answers.

Digging Deeper

- No one group had “the biblical answer” to the question about finding God’s will. The Scriptures give many different examples of how God speaks to us about big decisions. Think about your initial question about God’s will for you, the one that you would like him to answer. What did you learn from the Scriptures today that might help you make that decision? Share with the group if people are willing.
- Spend time praying for each other using the postures you saw in the scriptures.

Telecharades Clues

- o Skydiving
- o Catching a huge fish
- o Winning the lottery
- o Seeing a bear while hiking
- o Proposing to your boyfriend/girlfriend
- o A cat cleaning itself
- o Shopping at the mall
- o Feeding the ducks
- o Going through airport security
- o Walking through a haunted house
- o Washing an elephant
- o Getting an Uber
- o Trick-or-treating
- o Swimming with dolphins
- o Opening birthday presents
- o Being a flight attendant
- o Chasing a tornado
- o Landing an airplane
- o Walking with crutches
- o Ordering food at a restaurant
- o Asking for an autograph