

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

PRAYER & FASTING 02 – LEARNING TO HEAR GOD’S VOICE – 1/11/2026

COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- Read and meditate on Ephesians 2:10, reflecting on the truth that we are God’s *poiēma*—His artistic creation and living expression.
- Spend a few quiet moments thanking Jesus that God is near, not distant or silent.

REVIEW

- One third of the Bible, including the psalms and much of the prophets is written in poetry
- God often speaks poetically—through Scripture, people, circumstances, imagination, dreams, and life experiences.
- Hearing God is more about recognition than technique: “My sheep hear my voice... I know them” (John 10:27).
- God usually speaks softly, through an inner witness rather than external volume—making overstimulated lives a barrier to listening.
- God is often closer than we realize; the problem is not absence, but lack of awareness.
- Discernment grows as we immerse ourselves in Scripture, test impressions in community, and learn to notice “thoughts that rhyme with God.”
- Obedience often precedes clarity—we don’t hear in order to obey; we hear more clearly as we orient our lives toward obedience.
- Inner transformation renews perception: as God cleans the “window” of our soul, we begin to see and discern His will more clearly (Rom. 12:2).

DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you most from this week’s teaching—an image, story, or phrase?
2. If hearing God is like learning to read poetry, how might that reshape your expectations about listening prayer?
3. Where do you notice your life being most overstimulated or distracted? How might that affect your awareness of God’s voice?
4. **Read John 10:27.** How does Jesus’ description of hearing His voice emphasize relationship rather than technique?
5. Which of these feels most important for you right now: slowing down, immersing yourself in Scripture, journaling, or discerning with others?

PRAYER

Spend time praying for one another: To grow in awareness of God’s nearness. To cultivate quieter hearts that can recognize His gentle voice. To become people whose lives reflect the beautiful work God is writing through us.