



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Discovering God's voice

God speaks in many ways and through the power of the Holy Spirit you can hear God's voice. This week Pastor Keith taught us that there are five steps we need to take to know that our answer is from God. God answers prayers but most of the time we are too busy to hear the answer. God wants you to slow down and hear his voice.

1. Does it **agree** with the Bible?

God will never tell you anything that contradicts His Word. Ask yourself, is this Biblical? If you can't put scripture to it, don't do it. Describe a time when you prayed for direction. Did God answer your prayer? How was this backed up through scripture?

Luke 21:33; 1 John 4:1-6; Revelation 22:18-21

2. Does this make me **more** like Jesus?

God has given all his followers the Holy Spirit. Tell of a time when the Spirit led you to do God's will. What do you need to change to be more like Jesus?

Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:9; Galatians 5:16; Philippians 2:5

3. Does my church family **confirm** it?

The people in your life group have the privilege to disagree with you. Discuss how this makes you feel. Have you been open and honest with your group?

James 5:16; Proverbs 11:9; Proverbs 11:14; Ephesians 3:10

4. Is it consistent with how God **shaped** me?

Share what your spiritual gift is. Tell of a time that you followed your heart. When did you last use your abilities to help someone in need? What type of personality do you have to encourage people? Is there an experience in your life that can encourage those in your LIFE group?

Romans 12:6; Galatians 1:15; Psalms 139:13-15; Ephesians 2:10

5. Do I sense God's **peace** about it?

Why do you need God's peace in your life? What was it like before you knew that God wanted you to have peace in your life?

1 Corinthians 14:33; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; John 14:27; Proverbs 14:30

What's Next

- This week, be intentional and look for God's answer to your prayer. God answers prayers in many ways, slow down and carefully listen for His reply.
- Ask yourself, is my want bigger than God's will for my life?
- Remember, when you enter in against the Word, you forfeit hearing the voice of God.