

WEEK 1. SCRIPTURE

- 1. **Group:** Read the Scripture – each person reading a verse.
- 2. **Group:** what immediately impacted you from this Scripture?

- 3. **Individually:** choose one verse and write it out in the 3 Column method.

CHOOSE AND WRITE VERSE	WRITE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS	HOW WILL THIS CHANGE YOUR LIFE?

- 4. **Individually:** name one area that you need your life to change after reading this Scripture?

- 5. **Group:** Each person share what they have written for no. 3 and discuss as appropriate.

- 6. **Group:** Each person share No. 4 and lead in prayer for his or her response.

- 7. **Individually:** lay hands on yourself and pray for yourself.

HEARING HIS VOICE!

Letter writing:

Key Verse: Galatians 2: 20

Key Thought : Christ is in us. We can hear His voice deep in our hearts

1. **Individually:** Complete the following love letter to Jesus. (Use separate paper preferably) Play quiet instrumental music.

Dear Jesus I think you are

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Individually: complete the following love letter to yourself from Jesus, starting by inserting your name. (Use separate paper preferably)

Dear(put your name here) I think you are

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- 2. **Group:** Ask each person to reads their love letter to Jesus so the group can hear.

- 3. **Group:** Exchange paper with another person. One at a time turn to the person, whose paper is being held, make eye contact and read the love letter from Jesus to them

- 4. **Group:** Each person share how this impacted them.

WEEK 2 SCRIPTURE

1. **Group:** Read the Scripture – each person reading a verse.
2. **Group:** Has anyone anything they want to say about the passage before continuing?
3. **Individually:** Write, as many things as you can from this passage that you have not seen before. For example this could be a detail you have not noticed, a different application, or a different situation.
4. **Individually:** If this reading was a book, what title would you give it and why?
5. **Individually:** How does this Scripture encourage you?
6. **Group:** Pray together each person praying into their no. 5
7. **Individually:** lay hands on yourself and pray for your family.

HEARING HIS VOICE

Key Verses: Luke 5:16 and 6:12. John 17: 20 -21

Key Thoughts: The Father was important to Jesus and so are we.

1. **Individually** complete the following using separate paper if necessary.
Play quiet instrumental music.

Jesus says to me: My love is:

Then write anything else He says to you always using "I" for when He speaks to you. E.g. I love you more than you can ever understand.

2. **Group:** Each person read no. 1 allowing time for these words to minister to the group.
3. **Group:** Share if something from No.2 ministered to you and say why.

WEEK 3 SCRIPTURE

1. **Group:** Read the Scripture – each person reading a verse.

2. **Group:** Has anyone anything the immediately noticed when the passage was read?

3. **Individually:** Write one other thing that impacts you in this passage:

4. **Individually:** Give 4 reasons why it impacted you:
 - a)

 - b)

 - c)

 - d)

5. **Individually:** Take one of “a – d” and say what impact it will have on your life.

6. **Group:** Share 3 and 4

7. **Group:** Pray together each person praying for their own response to no. 5

8. **Individually:** lay hands on yourself and pray for your friends.

HEARING HIS VOICE: CHECKING IT OUT.

Key Verses: Psalm 119: 105

Key Thoughts: The Word that goes through our eyes / ears into our minds and to our hearts is called a “rhema word.” When He speaks into our hearts it is immediately potentially “rhema”
What we hear from Jesus will always agree with the Bible

1. Individually: Close your eyes and ask God to give you a picture – write or draw what that picture was and what you believe He is saying to you through it.
(Play quiet instrumental music)
2. **Group:** Share the picture and explanation with the group, allowing individuals to share if it particularly ministered to them and why. If any prayer is needed the individual should pray for themselves with the group laying hands on them.

HEARING HIS VOICE: KNOWING HIS VOICE.

Key Verse: John 10: 2-4

Key Thought: We can all know His voice; we just need to identify how we as an individual best hear Him.

1. **Individually:** Ask Jesus to talk to you about His love for the person sitting on your left.
Remember to use “I” for Jesus speaking.
(Play quiet instrumental music)

2. **Group:** One at a time read the word to the person on the left. Ensure they look at you as you.

WEEK 5 SCRIPTURE

- 1. Group:** Read the Scripture – each person reading a verse.
- 2. Individually:** Each person take the first verse they read and write it in their own words.
- 3. Group:** Go around the group sharing their version of their verses so the passage (or part of it) is read in the group's version! (This can be fun!)
- 4. Individually:** Take the verse you put in your own words and write a few sentences saying why you think it important that God included this in His Word.
- 5. Group:** Each person should read their Scripture, then personalized version followed by 4.
- 6. Group:** Each person pray into the Scripture they have focused on.

HEARING HIS VOICE: JESUS LOVE IS AGAPE LOVE:

Key Verse: Luke 10: 38 – 42 1 John 5:11

Key Thought: Sitting at Jesus' feet in quietness is a time to listen and be still. He longs to speak to us wrapped in His agape Love.

1. Individually:

a) Close your eyes. (While quiet instrumental music is playing)
Imagine you are sitting at Jesus' feet, like Mary, what do you think He is saying to you.
Remember to use "I" when Jesus speaks.

c) Now write your own heart response to what He said.

2. Group: Share your responses to a and b

WEEK 6 SCRIPTURE

1. **Group:** Read the Scripture – each person reading a verse.
2. **Group:** Close your Bibles
3. **Group:** Share together **what** you immediately remember from the reading and why do you think you remember that in particular?
4. **Individually:** Read each verse from the passage once, then write what immediately impacts you from that verse. Do not spend a long time meditating on each verse. Impact could be: new thought, application, new phrase, new fact etc. Be spontaneous.
5. **Individually:** Go back over your responses to 4 and write why you think 2 of them impacted you.
6. **Group:** Take each verse and go around the group asking 2 people to share what impacted them from each verse. Continue until the passage for the day has been completed
7. **Group:** Ask each person to share one response from 5
8. **Individually:** after listening to all the responses write one thing that challenged your life
9. **Group:** pray together each person praying into their own response for 8

HEARING HIS VOICE: HEARING THROUGH DREAMS

Key Verse: Matthew 2 v.13

Key Thought: Joseph was told in a dream to flee to Egypt.

1. **Group:** This week is a bit different. Share together examples you may have had of God speaking to you, people you have heard about or Biblical characters who heard God speak through dreams
2. **Group:** Remind each other of the principles for knowing something is from God
 - a) It agrees with the Bible
 - b) Others we trust agree it comes from God (we are accountable)
3. **Group:** How important do you think these two principles are – and why?
Do you have any examples of when these principles were ignored and it did not go well?
4. **Group:** Does anyone have an example of when God spoke to them or some one else through a dream?
5. **Group:** Pray asking for God to speak clearly and for you to hear and obey. There is a song that says, “Send us dreams and visions, reveal the secrets of your heart.” Pray that God would open the hearts of each person for God to speak through dreams and visions.

WEEK 7 SCRIPTURE

1. **Individually:** Read the passage once.
2. **Individually:** Read it again and find a verse that you think you do not properly understand
3. **Individually:** Write the verse in your own words
4. **Individually:** Have a guess at what you think it means, or any part of it means
5. **Group:** Each person share 2, 3, and 4. Have a few moments to validate each person as they share and give others the opportunity to add what they think it means. (We can help each other!)
6. **Group:** Take time to evaluate what happened in 5. E.g. How many had problems with the same verse, what value was there in sharing as a group, how many found that when they stopped to consider the verse they understood it better than they had originally thought they could?
7. **Group:** In many nations they have just one page of the Bible and no one to teach them or explain. Pray for these people that they will have understanding and revelation with boldness under very difficult circumstances, often risking their lives to keep that one page.

GOD SPEAKS IN MANY WAYS:

Key Thought: How have we heard Him speak a) individually b) as a group?

- 1. Group:** Each person read a Scripture below
- 3. Individually:** Put a mark against any you have experienced
- 4. Group:** Share some of these together

Angels: Luke 1 v.19 Angel Gabriel talks to Zechariah.
The Bible: 2 Timothy 3 v.16 God speaks to us through the Scriptures.
An audible voice: 1 Samuel 3 v 4 God spoke to Samuel
Dreams: Matthew 2 v.13 Joseph was told in a dream to flee to Egypt.
An action: Ezekiel 5 v 1-4 Ezekiel was told to cut his hair and beard and divide it up using scales.
Visions or pictures: Acts 10 v.10 Peter sees a vision of the sheet containing unclean animals
Words: 1 Kings 18 v.1 The Lord spoke his word to Elijah
Other People : Jonah 1 v. 1-2 God sent Jonah with a message for the people of Nineveh
Objects: Acts 21 v.10-11 Agabus prophesies to Paul using a belt.
A story or parable: Matthew 18 v 12 -13 Jesus used stories or parables to communicate God's message

WEEK 8.

- 1. Individually:** Look back at your notes of the past 7 weeks and choose the method you enjoyed most for studying the Bible and write why you think you chose that particular one.
- 2. Group:** Share your responses to 1.
- 3. Group:** Spend a few minutes evaluating the groups response e.g. we are all different and need to discover what best helps us, we also need to stretch out of our comfort zones and find other ways to study the Word, if we find ourselves in a situation where we have no help to study the Word (as many are) we need to be ready to continue to learn and grow
- 4. Individually:** Look back at some of the things you needed to apply to you own life and write any that you have really had a breakthrough in.
- 5. Group:** Share 4 together.
- 6. Group:** Stand holding your Bibles and pray for God to give you a fresh love for His Word and a diligence to go deeper,

HEARING HIS VOICE: HEARING THROUGH CHILDREN

Key Verses: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Key Thought: Children can hear His voice and adults can listen!

1. **Group:** We know this story and believe it but on a day-to-day basis how much do we really listen to what God might be saying through our children and why do you think that is?
2. **Group:** Eli was older and, like us, would have wanted to go back to sleep but he woke and trained the boy Samuel to hear the voice of God. Challenge: what would we have done with our children in the middle of the night and how are we training them to hear His voice?
6. **Group:** We are living in critical times. How important is it that our children, and those we come in touch with learn to hear His voice and why do you think this?
7. **Group:** Pray for your children and children in your sphere of influence that they would know the voice of their Shepherd and obey Him

And Finally:

When God speaks asking us to do or say something we need to hear three things before we act:

1. What do you want me to do or say?
2. How do you want me to do or say it?
3. When do you want me to do or say it?

Be very careful that you have the answer to all 3 questions. God gets a lot of “blame” when we act with out waiting to hear all three- and things can go very wrong.

Group: Spend a few minutes talking about why it is essential to hear all 3 before we act and the possible consequences of not doing so.

Group: have a very quick show of hands as to how many are nor hearing His voice more clearly as a result of the last 7 weeks

Remind them of:

1. Checking it against the Bible
2. Being accountable