



Series: *Lead the Mission*  
*Discerning God's voice*

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### How to know when you are hearing from God

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#### # 1. Is the prompting truly from God?

- 1 Cor 14:29 *"Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said."*
- **Ask:** Is the message consistent with the revealed character of God?
- **Ask:** Is it aligned with your attributes?

#### # 2. Is it Scriptural?

- Messages that contradict Scripture are not from God.
- John 5:19 *"So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."*
- John 12:49 *"For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken."*
- **Ask:** Did Jesus do this? Would Jesus do this? Gal 5:15-26

#### # 3. Is it wise?

- Proverbs 1:7 *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*
- Proverbs 3: 19 *"By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;..."*
- **Ask:** Is this reflective of the Holy Spirit's nature?

#### # 4 Is it in tune with your own character?

- Palm 37:4 *"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."*
- **Ask:** is this in tune with my wiring?

#### # 5. What do the people you most trust think about it?

- Proverbs 11:14 *"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."*
- Acts 15:28 *"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..."*
- Acts 14:6 *"The apostles and elders met to consider the question..."*
- **Ask:** What do senior and seasoned Christians think about this?

**Comfort:** At times we will either hear wrong or respond wrong. When we do, remember these helpful verses:

- Col 1:20 *"...through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."*
- Phil 3:15-6 *"Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained."*
- 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

**Challenge:** Not every prompting results in continuous glory...

- (Acts 13:2) *"...As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them...(Acts 14:19)...They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead."*

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