



Sermon Discussion Questions

"The God Life"

Various Texts

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Opening Prayer:

Take some time to pray together at the start of your small group gathering. Do take your time. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and be invited, to break through any spiritual deafness and to speak to you anew. Ask God for the chance to hear him through your discussion time. Allow plenty of silence here, and move through your discussion slower than usual, listening carefully to hear God's voice. What will he say? What might you hear that could change things for you?

Group Interaction: *[The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the various sermon texts. Also, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or texts.]*

1. What kind of reaction do you have to someone who says they "hear" God speak to them? Do you have trouble believing God makes his voice known to us?
2. Do you hear God's voice on a regular basis? If so, in what ways? What has helped you hear? Comment and share stories of hearing God's voice in your own life. Be encouraged to ask any questions around this topic that you are currently grappling with or considering.

Read the below three scripture passages slowly and aloud in your group. After reading each one, pause for about 30 seconds. Then, do the exercise over again. Be expectant to hear God's voice through his word and the silence.

1. "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)
2. "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth... he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." (John 16:13)
3. "I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." (John 10:14, 16)
3. What did you hear from God speaking through his word? Did he speak to you during the silence? Trade insights with your group. Did any two or more in your group hear the same thing -- what do you notice?
4. Recall moments where God could have been speaking through his word, his still small voice, other people, circumstances, dreams, or other ways. See Gen 12:1-3; Rom 4:18-21. What parallels can you draw from your own experience?

In closing, pray together that God would harness what he's spoken to your group so that it may be unambiguous. Pray that you may further enjoy him as a result, and that you may use his message for good in 2017.