

## Hearing God | Week 2 - How we hear God's voice through Scripture

#### Message Big Idea

God communicates to us through Scripture. We hear from God by listening to Scripture with our heads and our hearts.

### **Scripture**

Luke 24:27, Luke 24:32 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### **Points to Keep In Mind**

- 1. Some scholars believe there are over 300 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament, including 2 Samuel 7:12-13, Isaiah 53:5, and Daniel 7:13-14. You may want to spend time in group looking up Old Testament prophecies together. It's a faith-building exercise for sure! Google helps. ©
- 2. In his book How to Hear God, Author Pete Greig states, "On the Emmaus road, Jesus reinterprets the Bible in light of himself, and the writers of the New Testament follow his lead." Jesus modeled how we are now to read the Bible in light of his existence and through the lens of the Gospels. Now known as Christological hermeneutics, we read the Old Testament in light of the New Testament and the later New Testament epistles in light of the Gospels. One example is how the story of Abraham and Isaac is reframed completely when God sacrifices his only son, Jesus, on the cross.
- 3. A few added resources to help you and your group listen to Scripture with your heads and your hearts include The Bible Project, a video series that explains the books of the Bible or passages in a simple, visual way. Tom Wright's "For Everyone" series are readable commentaries on every book in the New Testament. Our Community Daily helps you read, reflect and respond to Scripture each day. In addition, the Lectio 365 app guides us to slow down and pray Scripture, listening more with our hearts.
- 4. Fostering our relationship with God, the church and the world will help us hear from Him. This is what happens in a You+ conversation. Please continue to encourage your group members to begin theirs today at youplus.info.

# **Additional Questions and Resources**

- 1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
- 2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
- 3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
- 4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
- 5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
- 6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: youplus.info
- 7. How have you been able to BLESS others recently? (B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story)