

**Hearing God | Week 4 - How we hear God's voice through the prophetic words****Message Big Idea**

God communicates with us through other people. Practicing simple prophecy can help us strengthen, encourage and comfort others with Spirit-prompted words.

**Scripture**

Luke 24:32, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 and 1 Corinthians 14:1-3

**Points to Keep In Mind**

1. The couple knew they had received prophetic words from Jesus meant for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. After their hearts burned within them, they returned “at once” to the disciples to tell them it was true: the Lord had risen and they had seen Him. Pastors Hannah and Alex Absalom define prophecy this way: “Prophecy is the loving supernatural ability to know and appropriately speak the mind of God on a specific subject at a specific time by the prompting and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”
2. Paul, the author of 1 Corinthians, knows that the Corinthian Christians received the Holy Spirit because they have come to genuine faith in Christ (1 Cor. 1:4-9). Everyone who puts their faith in Jesus is given the gift of the Holy Spirit from God (1 Cor 12:13, Romans 8:9 and Ephesians 1:13-14). Prophecy is inspired by the Holy Spirit and often does not make sense to those who have not yet put their faith in Jesus.
3. Paul tells us what the outcome of prophecy should be in 1 Corinthians 14:3. It is for the “strengthening, encouraging, and comfort” of others.
4. Who can you have a You+ conversation with this week? Reach out to them with the nine questions at [youplus.info](http://youplus.info) to begin. It's a simple way to strengthen, encourage and comfort those God has put in your life.

**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](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/](http://communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/)
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: [youplus.info](http://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)