



# SMALL GROUPS

HONOR GOD. MAKE DISCIPLES

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## Warm Up

Our God still speaks to us, but there are many distractions, such as our busyness, competing voices and our unprepared hearts that can prevent us from hearing God. We are better prepared to hear from Him as we become quieter, turn down the world's volume and silence the distractions around us. In fact, when we worship Him with all of our hearts, we won't have to find Him, He will find us! We draw God toward us by reading His word daily, cultivating His presence and getting planted firmly in church. This sets us up to let Him speak and to hear His voice.

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## Into The Bible

*To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." - John 10:3-5 ESV*

- Talk about about the things that distract you most and how to tune out these distractions so we can focus on hearing God.
- Share a time when you were going through a situation and you heard God speak to you about it. How did you respond and what did you learn from God's word?
- Talk with the group about how you create an environment to hear God's voice. Explain what this looks like practically.

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## Application

Make God a priority by setting a specific time and place to meet with Him. Try to clear all distractions and ask God to speak to you. Set yourself in a posture so that you can hear from Him. It may be an impression you have or a verse you read may pop out to you. Seek to hear God and understand what He says to you.

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## Prayer Focus

As you meet with God this week, pray for our city, state and nation as we near the election. Ask God for His will to be done on earth as is it in heaven. Pray for revival to start in His church.

We have several families are dealing with sickness and hardship. Please take some time this week to pray for your church family. Pray for God bring peace, healing and provision.

Pray for our women as they prepare for their retreat.