

into
LIFE
Study guide

hearing the Voice of God



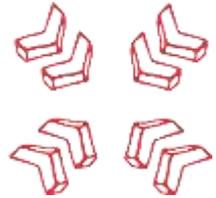
Genesis 45:1-8
For Individuals and Life Groups
October 18, 2015

Introduction:

Does God still speak today? How do we hear the voice of God?

If he does speak, how can we know it is him? Are there misunderstandings about hearing the voice of God that get in the way? In this six week study we will explore ways that God still speaks today.

In today's study we are looking at the account of Joseph and how his circumstances paved the way for an entire family to be saved.



Into the scriptures

Read: Genesis 42-45 (Or summarize the account of Joseph by reading Acts 7:1-16) then read Genesis 45:1-8.

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What perspective does Joseph give as to why this happened?

What emotions were his brother's likely feeling in this circumstance?

When Joseph's Father dies the brothers again fear for their lives. How is Joseph's response similar and different? (Read Genesis 50:15-21)



Into my life



How do you view painful or hurtful circumstances in your life? How have they shaped you? Have you heard God's voice in these circumstances? How?

God's mission is to redeem (buy back and restore) his people. How would your circumstances change if this was something that matured in your life?

What is the promise to claim hold of in this passage?

How will you be different this week because of what you have just read?



Into the world



How would your life change to those looking in if you developed the spirit of Joseph's response in regard to circumstances and hearing God's voice? (Pray for each other in this)



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Genesis my challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...



We believe that God changes lives!

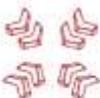
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Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world