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LIFE
Study guide

hearing the Voice of God



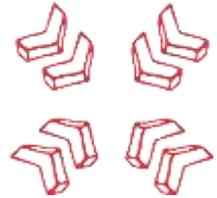
Acts 15:1-35
For Individuals and Life Groups
November 22, 2015

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.

Around 49AD the church in Antioch was facing a big crisis. Legalistic individuals known as Judaizers were coming to the church and speaking a different message from the one Paul and Barnabas had brought. Who was right? Which voice was the one the church should listen to. Explore how this community together with the church in Jerusalem listened to God in community.



Into the scriptures

Read: Acts 15:1-35

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

How would you state the core problem that the church and elders needed to solve? What does the text say about the two differing opinions?

What was the approach taken to address the problem?

What questions does this passage raise for you?

What do these passages reveal about God?



Into my life



Is there an example from your life where God spoke in the context of community? Share it with the group? (i.e. If you were part of the Women in leadership discussion talk about that process)

Verses 9 and 10 talk about a yoke being put on people that would keep them from Christ rather than attract them to Christ? Do these yolks still exist today? In what way? How can your group and the church address those issues? (Pray for each other and the church)

What is the promise to claim hold of in these passages?

How will you be different this week because of what you have just read? (Pray for each other in this)



Into the world



What principles come out of this passage regarding the church and mission? How can your group be part of it?



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From these passages my challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

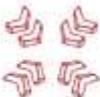
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Bring Jesus into Life

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