Prophetic Group

UNIT 1: ABIDING, LISTENING, CONNECTING

Activation

- Ask God, "what percentage of joy you are currently feeling?" (0% to 100%)
 - ▶ If it is under 50%, let's try to get some back
 - ▶ If it is over 85%, you are doing great (no perfectionism here)
- Ask God, "was my joy stolen or did I give it away?"
- Ask God, "can I have that joy back?"
 - ► Forgive anyone you need to
 - Release to God any situation or burden
- Now what is your joy percentage?

Goals

- Speak life, destiny, and identity to people from the heart of God
- Hear God and test it (in a safe environment)
- Ministry settings:
 - Prayer team or prayer line
 - ▶ A small prophetic team that gives 5 minute words
 - ▶ In community group
 - ▶ During physical, inner healing, or deliverance prayer sessions
 - Out in the world

Example of Prophesy

- Saturday evening
 - ▶ one of the people here gave my husband a prophetic word about getting a coupon book from God. They saw the first coupon and it was redeemable for a prophetic word.
- Sunday evening
 - ▶ One of the youth gave my husband a coupon book from God with drawings of some of the coupons for things like words of knowledge, boldness, prophetic, wisdom, without knowing anything about Saturday evening.

Being on the giving and receiving end of this set of interactions was great for all involved. Everyone was encouraged.

Jesus, our example

- "For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak." -John 12:49
- "So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.'" - John 5:19

The Father seems to be continually speaking and showing, and Jesus continually watching and listening. Do you feel like God is always speaking to you, if you were listening?

Abiding

- ▶ Identity as His children: "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith." - Galatians 3:26
- "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." -John 15:9
- "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 12:27

As children of God, we have access to hear and know His voice.

How to Listen

- Reflect on when and where in the past you have heard God the most?
 - ► Listing to worship music
 - ▶ After reading some of the Bible
 - ▶ In your room when it is quiet or in the car
- Journaling
 - ▶ Think of a verse or a prompt like "God what do you think of me?"
 - Listen and write: anything you might be hearing, no judging
 - Discern: Go back over the sentences cross out anything that does not seem like God (scripture is the ultimate standard)
- Check in throughout the day with God
 - God what do you think about me?
 - God what do you think about this situation or news?

Hindrances

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." –John 15:10

- Unconfessed sin
- Busyness or lack of focus
- Disturbing environment
- Unresolved obedience in an area
- Quickest way to learn to hear
 - ▶ Let God pick the topic
 - ▶ What you care about may not be what He is talking about
 - ▶ What you want answers and guidance about may not be what He is talking about
 - Desperately want to hear Him (be ready to obey if needed)

Activation

- "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." –James 1:17
- ▶ Either ask for a picture of a wrapped gift or listen to God about the gift He is giving. Silently, ask Him to show you or tell you what is in the package.
- Ask God if there is anything He wants to interpret or say about it.

Activation

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" –Romans 8:15

Ask God: if I were sitting with You, what would we be doing or looking at?

Homework

 Get a journal specifically for what you hear God say or prophetic words others give you

Questions to ask God:

- Ask God, "what is my percentage of joy (peace, authority, self-control, faith," and then "where did I lose any of it or give it away?"
- "What do You think about me?"
- "What do You think about this situation or news?"
- "Are there any gifts You want to give me to unwrap?"
- "If I were sitting with You right now, what would we be doing?"
- What do You think about another person?"