CrossPoint Community Guide

Ancient Practices: Listening to God | Discerning the Voice of God

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DINNER & DELIGHT *45 minutes*

- How have you encountered God this week? What has the Holy Spirit said as you've spent time in the *Listening to God* guide?

LEARN & STUDY *25 minutes*

Read together: *1 Thessalonians 5v19-22, 1 Kings 3v1-15*

- What did Solomon ask God for, and why was this request pleasing to God? What does this teach us about having a listening heart?
- Why is it important to test what we hear against Scripture and invite other believers into the process? (John 10v27, Acts 15v1-29).
- What six Biblical principles did Andrew share to help us discern God's voice?

Take-home Truth – We recognize God's voice by testing everything we hear, as we become people shaped by a life with Jesus.

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT *40 minutes*

- Where in your life do you need discernment and guidance from God? Test what you believe God's saying through the following principles of discernment:
  - Have you asked God for a listening and discerning heart?
  - What sin do you need to confess?
  - What is the posture of your heart (dependent, humble, open)?
  - Is what you believe God is saying in harmony with Scripture?
  - Have you invited trusted believers into the process? Is there confirmation in community?
  - How are you making space to reflect and pray before acting?
- After moving through these principles, what does a faithful next step look like?

This week, engage in the ***Ancient Practices: Listening to God*** guide (week six). Scan the QR code for the digital guide.

- What desire, fear, or sin might be keeping you from hearing God?
- God, what are you saying to me? Use the above principles to discern God's voice.
- What's a faithful next step of obedience?

REFLECT & PRAY *10 minutes*

- Pray for one another to recognize God's voice by testing everything we hear so that we'd become people shaped by a life with Jesus.
- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?

➡️ **NEXT WEEK:** *Matthew 4v18-22*