



We Can Do This
Part 2: Willing and Available
(Pray and Obey)
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[1 Corinthians 12:20 (Message)]

For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of.

[Psalm 127:1]

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

If you want to live in the blessing of God, find out what he is already blessing and join Him.

[2 Samuel 6:11-12]

*The Ark of the LORD remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and his entire household. Then King David was told, "**The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God.**" So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration.*

[1 Chronicles 26:6-8]

*Obed-edom's son Shemaiah had sons **with great ability who earned positions of great authority**...All of these descendants of Obed-edom, including their sons and grandsons—sixty-two of them in all—were very capable men.*

How to Hear from God:

1. Believe that God will communicate with you.

[John 10:4-5, 27]

*He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know His voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice...**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.***

2. Develop “voice recognition” through prayer and worship.

3. Spend significant time in the Word.

[2 Timothy 3:16-17]

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to **prepare and equip His people to do every good work.***

[Hebrews 4:12]

For the word of God is alive and powerful...

4. Desire the gifts of the Spirit (the prophetic)

[1 Corinthians 14:1]

*Follow the way of love and **eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.***

[1 Thessalonians 5:19-21, AMP]

Do not quench the Spirit. (do not put out the Spirit's fire) Do not treat prophecies with contempt (do not discard or depreciate prophetic utterances) but test them all; hold on to what is good.

5. Receive godly counsel from other believers.

[Proverbs 11:14]

Where no wise guidance is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

6. Be sensitive to God “impressions” and His “still, small voice.”

(Hebrews 8:10-11)

[Romans 8:14]

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

[John 16:13]

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

7. Let the peace of God confirm and have the final say.

[Colossians 3:15]

*And let the peace that comes from Christ **rule in your hearts**. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.*

DISCUSSION THOUGHTS

- 1. What are signs that you recognize, which point to the tangible blessing and presence of God on someone's life?**
- 2. When the house of God is a priority to an individual or a family, what does that look like?**
- 3. How have you seen generational blessing or curses in the lives of people in your sphere?**
- 4. What resources (time, talent, or treasure) has the LORD equipped you with that you can leverage for the benefit of others? What do you think God wants to do through your life, so that it will be a life of significance?**
- 5. When was a time that you, or someone you know, had to change plans in order to be obedient to God?**

- 6. Which of the seven principles of hearing from God comes most naturally to you? Which takes more intentionality on your part? What can you do this week to be more willing and available to God?**
- 7. If you could paint a picture of what your life would look like in the next few years, after really hearing and responding to God, what do you envision?**