



**Hearing God – Walk with the Holy Spirit  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**God's voice is not a response to:**

- Our passions and desires are looking for God's stamp of approval.
- Any and every random dream or vision has spiritual components.
- Prophetic words or impressions from people who are not walking in alignment with the local church and 5-fold ministry.
- Anything that is out of alignment with the clear teaching of the Word.

**[John 16:5-7, NLT]**

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. <sup>6</sup> Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. <sup>7</sup> But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you.

**[John 14:17 NLT]**

He, (the advocate/ counselor/ comforter) is the Holy Spirit, who leads you into all truth.

***Paraklētos: the helper, the counselor, one who walks alongside, one who pleads another's case***

**[John 10:27, ESV]**

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

**[Isaiah 59:1-2, NLT]**

<sup>1</sup> Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. <sup>2</sup> It's your iniquities that have cut you off from God.

***Iniquities: a condition of guilt resulting from unrepented sins.***

***When God speaks to us, He speaks to us through the person of The Holy Spirit.***

***The Holy Spirit's Work In The Earth:***

- Lead us into all truth
- He will empower us
- He will bring comfort and correction
- He will communicate consistently
- He will convict us of sin
- He will reveal the heart of the Father to us
- He will give us gifts, so we might help others
- He gives us wisdom and insight
- He gives us assurance of our salvation
- He will never forsake us

**[1 Thessalonians 5:19, AMP]**

Do not quench [subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the Holy Spirit.

### **[Ephesians 4:29-30, NLT]**

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not grieve (bring sorrow to) God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.

### **3 Ways to Walk with the Holy Spirit:**

#### **1. Walk humbly**

**Humility: an accurate assessment of who I am without God's grace and who He has made me by His grace!**

*Humility has no resemblance to or connection with low self-esteem or an underestimation of our capacity ... it's simply identifying where it all comes from!*

### **[John 15:5b, NLT]**

...Apart from me ... you can do nothing.

### **[James 4:6, NLT]**

God opposes the proud but gives grace and favor to the humble.

### **[Psalm 25:9, NIV]**

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

### **[Isaiah 57:15, NLT]**

I live in a high and holy place, but also with those whose spirits are contrite and humble.

### **3 Ways to Walk with the Holy Spirit:**

#### **2. Walk with open hands** (free of agendas and self-made plans)

*It's the "nevertheless" not my will but yours be done...attitude and lifestyle.*

## **3 Ways to Walk with the Holy Spirit:**

### **3. Walk right in**

#### **[Hebrews 10:19-22, NLT]**

<sup>19</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. <sup>21</sup> And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, <sup>22</sup> let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.

### ***HE WANTS TO WALK WITH YOU***

#### **Key Points:**

#### **3 Ways to Walk with the Holy Spirit**

1. Walk humbly
2. Walk with open hands (free of agendas and self-made plans)
3. Walk right in

#### **Applications for the Week:**

First thing every morning, ask the Holy Spirit to walk and talk with you. Invite Him into your day and see what He speaks and shows you.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some misconceptions about the voice of God? Why do you think people fall into the trap of attributing God to moments that are not Him? How do our emotional health and spiritual maturity affect this?
2. Why does the Bible describe the Holy Spirit as a person? What does He specifically do?
3. Based on Thessalonians 5:19, how can our lifestyle quench (grieve) the Holy Spirit? What is the impact of grieving the Holy Spirit in our lives?
4. How can we know the difference between our plans and God's plans?
5. In what ways, can we come close to God? Discuss the 3 Ways to Walk with the Holy Spirit.
6. What does a posture of open hands produce in our ongoing walk with God?
7. What do you need to let go of to embrace God?