Prophecy = speaking out what God thinks and desires

Prophecy = to communicate the heart, thoughts and intentions of God / to proclaim / to foretell / to exhort an inspired revelation

[1 Corinthians 14:1 (AMP)]

*Pursue love [with eagerness, make it your goal], yet earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts [to be used by believers for the benefit of the church], but especially that you may prophesy [to foretell the future, to speak a new message from God to the people].*
[Numbers 11:29]
“`I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them all!'"

[Acts 2:17-18]
‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

[1 Corinthians 14:31]
For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.

[1 Corinthians 12:7]
Spiritual gifts are given to each of us so we can help each other.

[1 Corinthians 14:3 (NLT)]
But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit.

How to hear & increase in the prophetic:

1. Seek God with other people who are hungry for more of Him!
2. Worship and wait without a personal agenda.
3. Prioritize the needs and direction that others need.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Last week your homework was to take a pen and paper into the quite place and listen for the voice of God. Would anyone like to share any words God spoke?
2. Have you ever received a prophetic word that impacted your life? Would anyone like to share it?
3. Is the prophetic something new to you or is it familiar? What has your past taught you concerning the prophetic?
4. Have you ever been used to deliver a prophetic word? How did you know it was God? *(Leader note: how will we know we have heard the voice of God if we don't open our mouth and share? The teaching moment here is that we need to be obedient and share what we think God is saying otherwise we will never know if God is using us or not.)*
5. Turn on some worship music. Spend some time worshiping God without an agenda, simply honor His name and give Him glory.
6. The prophetic is to **encourage, edify and build up** the body of Christ. With that in mind, ask God to move in your group through the prophetic. Everyone should be listening for Gods voice of encouragement to share with the group. Let everyone know that your group is a safe place and for everyone to stay within the guidelines of **encouragement, edification and building up** each other.