

MY GOD IN MOTION...

Hear God's Voice

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

05-15-2025

Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How
- Resources
- Discussion
- Feedback
- Next Session & Future Topics
- Call To Action & Closing

Purpose & Opening

Purpose: Exhort One Another Into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Opening Prayer:

Thank you for this opportunity

Give me Words to deliver Your message

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring glory to You in all we do

Topic

What: Hear God's Voice

Why:

- My children follow the flesh in this fallen world.
- The flesh will lead them astray.
- I have given guidance on how to get on the right track and stay there.
- My word reveals my will, My life is a model, My spirit is with you.
- If you have questions, Just Ask and will tell you directly.
- Be led by the spirit and not by the flesh and you will prosper and bear fruit.

(From Journaling with Jesus 5/9)

Approach: What, Why, How

Hear God's Voice

John 10:27

“My sheep **hear my voice**, and I know them, and **they follow me.**”

My sheep: Someone in His flock: Under His leadership and protection

Hear: Listen, Sense, Recognize, Understand

My Voice: Input/Guidance/Instruction/Call/Request/Direction/Command

I Know Them: Spend Time Interacting With, Have Fellowship In Suffering With

Follow Me: Answer His Call, Follow His Model, Go Where He Leads, Obedient

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Your Thoughts Are Not Your Own

The Old Cartoon is Very Real

- Your thoughts are not your own, They are “inspired”
- The Loud, Urgent, Pushy Voice will Tempt and Then Condemn
- The Quiet, Calm, Supportive voice will Coach and Encourage
- You must choose which voice to listen to, to dwell on, to follow

Isaiah 30:21 (ESV)

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.



You Are Connected To The Spiritual World

Isaiah 11:2-4

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
The Spirit of Counsel and Might,
The Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord.

Hebrews 1:14

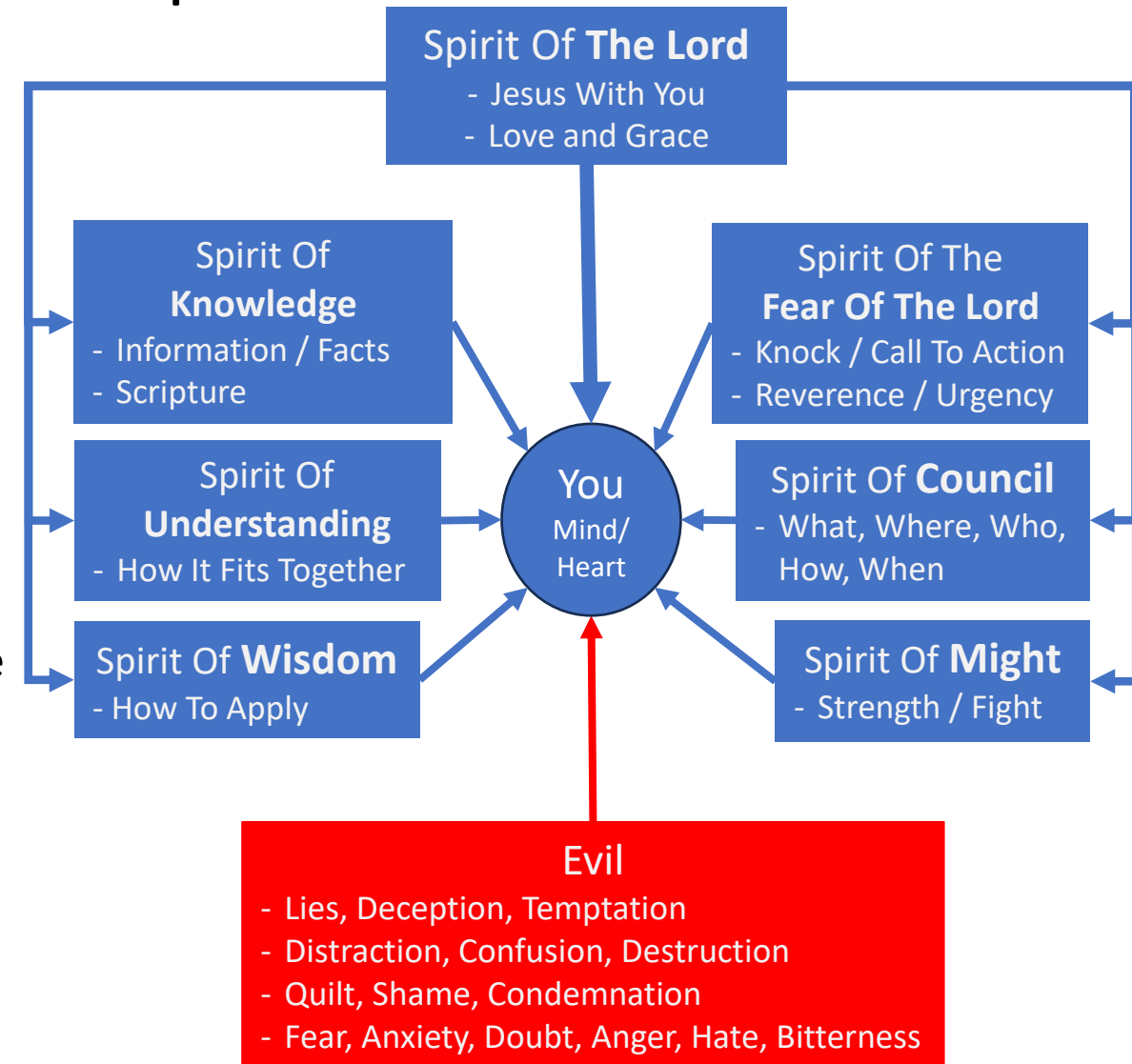
Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be **corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe,...



If You Lack Wisdom Just Ask

Joel 2:28/Acts 2:17

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, Says God
That I will **pour out of My Spirit** on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall **prophecy**,
Your young men shall see **visions**,
Your old men shall dream **dreams**.”

James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

How To Know If It Is God's Voice

- Higher Perspective
- Fatherly – Positive, Supportive, Encouraging
- Aligned With Scripture
- Resonates As Truth in Your Spirit
- Bears Fruit When You Act On It

Many Opportunities For Input

- Invitation / Calling / Knock
 - Fear Of God / Sense Of Urgency
 - Your Deeper Why / Higher Purpose
- Correction / Conviction / Conscience – Right and Wrong
- Knowledge: Information/Facts/Memory
- Understanding: See How Things Fit / Work Together
- Wisdom: How to Apply
- Counselling: Direction / Guidance
- Encouragement

Invitation / Calling / He Is Knocking

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

John 12:32

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

John 15:16

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you...”

Often Facilitated By A Significant Emotional Event

- Face Mortality: Death In Family / Near Death / Health Scare
 - Need Help: Major Stress Event / Exhaust Resources / Reach Out In Desperation
 - Open To Revelation: Meditation, Retreat to Nature, Spiritual Encounter, Objective Inquiry
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- What Initially Got Your Attention / Got You Engaged To Pursue God ?

Fear Of God – Carrots and Sticks

Stick(s)

- Wages of Sin = Death, All have sinned and earned hell, Choose Jesus or Hell
- You Will Face Judgement, You Will Receive What You Sowed
- Jesus gave His life for you, The least you can do is give yours to Him.
- Jesus bore stripes for your sins, Have you stopped adding to His stripes?
- Love of Self is a Prison Here, Jesus can set you free
- Your Inner Thoughts Are Transparent In Heaven – Fix Them Now

Carrot:

- God's Moral Standard Is Perfection - Perfect Flow Of Love To Others
 - Man was made in God's Image – Not Self-Conscious, Perfect Love
 - Adam corrupted God's image by self-centered actions
 - Love Of Self Opposes God's Love: Stops Inflow, Stops Outflow
 - Jesus suffered and died so He could live in you, form in you and restore the image
 - Submit To Him, Embrace His work, Follow His Model, Shed Your Past, Focus on Your New Identity and Purpose, Realize your full potential, Experience Heaven on earth
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- What Convinced You That Change Was Necessary? It Could Not Wait? You Need Jesus Now?

Correction / Conviction / Conscience

Jeremiah 31:33

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I **will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 13:18

Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things **desiring to live honorably**.

Sense In Your Heart That Something is Right or Wrong.

- Calm, Peace, Joy when love and goodness is flowing
- Discomfort, unsettled when something is not right

Fatherly Voice In Your Mind Pointing Out Opportunities to Improve

- Did you notice what just happened?
- Was that the best way to handle that?

Do you notice your conscience? How Do You Respond?

Be Thankful! Run To God!

Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Ephesians 1:17

(I pray..) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

1 Corinthians 2:7-10

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Bible /
Word Of God

Preacher /
With
Testimony

Bible Study /
Exploration

Meditation /
Holy Spirit

Interactive
Journaling

Bible / Word Of God

John 8:47

Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

Messages:

- God’s Intention – A heaven and earth populated with people who follow Jesus
- Macro Plan - Perfection, Fall, A people, A Promised Land, A Savior, Deliverance, Restoration
- God’s Nature/Character – Love, Truth, Justice – Sent His Son, Jesus’ life is God revealed
- Moral Standard – Perfection, including thoughts
- Need a Savior
- Teachings/Lessons – God Rewards those who pursue Him/Love Him

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- Scripture provides framework to enable Holy Spirit work in you
- Growing understanding reveals new nuances as you re-read

Counselling / Direction

- How to Discern God's Will At A Decision Point
- How To Approach A Difficult Situation
- Seek Wisdom From God's Word
 - Ask for Wisdom, Let Him Guide You to Specific Scripture
- Prayer/ Meditation
 - Quiet Yourself, Ask For Wisdom, Ponder The Options, Listen For Input, Sense Which Is Best
- Fleecing – Lay Out a Signal To Indicate God's Will
- Interactive Journalling – Ask, Listen, Write
- Word Of Wisdom – Ask For Specific Input

Spirit Quickening – “Know In Your Knower”

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

...For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ

Process:

- Recognize A Decision Point, Declare Intention To Follow God's Will
- Ponder the options in prayer, Walk through them and likely consequences for self and others
- The right answer will emerge, sense of peace, “Knowing”.
- Execute

Fleecing – Ask God to Signal His Intention

Judges 6:36-39

So Gideon said to God, “If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said— look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said.” And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.

Process:

- Recognize A Decision Point, Declare Intention To Follow God’s Will
 - Set Conditions For “A”, Conditions for “B”
 - Ask For God to Reveal His Will Via This Sign
 - Wait, Observe Result, Execute
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- I do not have significant experience with this method

Talk to Him – Ask / Listen / Follow

Jeremiah 33:3

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Psalms 32:8-9

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

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Many Methods To Deliver God's Voice

Method	Process
Interpret Significant Events	Notice significant non-Random events, Reflect, Interpret, Acknowledge, Be Thankful
Know In Your Kowner	Notice When You KNOW that something is right deep in your heart, Acknowledge it, Be Thankful
Read / Immerse In God's Word	Read with purpose, asking for insight and wisdom to guide your life. Find verse that resonates as truth for your situation.
Listen To A Good Preacher/Teacher / Bible Study	Listen for God's message: Insight into your life, your purpose, your nature, your path
Prayer / Meditation	Quiet Yourself, Focus on the situation at hand, Yield Your will, Ask For Insight, Review options and likely outcomes, Sense His direction, Acknowledge His input, Thank Him. Apply
Interactive Journaling	Quiet Yourself, Focus on Jesus, Ask, Tune To Flow, Write Response, Test
Ask for Word Of Wisdom	Quiet Yourself, Focus, Ask Jesus, Listen for His Input (Vision, Word, Thought), Thank Him. Then Apply
Have A Conversation With God	Focus, Edify God, Speak promises, Listen For Input/Confirmation, Acknowledge, Thank Him. Apply
Ask For Input In Real Time	Pause, Focus, Ask, Listen, Thank Him, Follow/Apply
Pray In The Spirit / In Tongues	Focus, Give Voice To Your Spirit, Pause, Reflect, Listen for Revelation, Thank Him, Apply
Receive / Interpret Visions/Dreams	Document Dream, Reflect on Message, Ask For Clarity, Acknowledge, Apply

Different Methods For Different Messages

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Testimony – Examples Of God’s Voice

Method	Message	Effect / Result
Audible – Different Voice	While Praying and walking in back yard: “I Love You, I Love You, I Love You”	Reassurance that I was on the right track, pursuing God’s calling to be an active agent for Him and seek to help people on their spiritual journey in faith.
Still Quiet Voice – Journaling	Clarity, Insight, Direction. Feedback, Encouragement, Correction	Confidence to proceed forward in Faith, believing I understand His will and am aligned with It. Learning/Correction/Adjustment to grow and be shaped.
Still Quiet Voice - - Real Time	Ask yes/no questions as I go - Do You have a message for this person? Shall I engage? - Do I understand this correctly? - Is this what you want me to do? Ask for Input / Get sense of intention - Where to go? - Which check out lane to use?	Able to proceed in faith believing I am aligned with His will. Able to adjust course as you go to maximize impact for kingdom.
Delivered Through Others	“For John: Go Slow for Ashley”, Received and forwarded via text from Friend	Was considering seminary and full-time Pentecostal style ministry. Ashley very uncomfortable, had heated discussion just prior
Remarkable Events – Divine Providence	Prayer offering my service Unable to function at work for 2 days Voluntary Separation Offer “Retire Now”	Many people touched by spiritual experience, feel God’s love, see something from new perspective, inspired forward and upward.
Conscience	Noticing something that is not good – thoughts, words, actions. Poor choices, Undesired character trait.	Able to be thankful for caring, ask/gain understanding, repent/put off old, put on grace going forward

Testimony – Helping Others Hear God’s Voice

Method	Process	Effect / Result
Still Quiet Voice - Word Of Wisdom	Facilitate inflow of specific info / guidance - Path forward, ex: healing - Names of unborn children - Input from loved one Quiet Mind, Picture Jesus, Ask, Listen, Receive, Interpret Can be 5 min	Word, Message, Image, Vision to guide path forward Able to proceed in faith aligned with God’s will Comfort and hope from experiencing connection with God Good Problem Solving Tool, Quick, Need to do what He says to get future input
Vision / Message	Get direction to engage – notice/confirm Ask if interested in message from God Ask if anything significant dominating their life. Facilitate inflow of “message”: Quiet mind, Picture Jesus, Receive, Describe - Word, Thought, Image, Vision, Sense Interpret message / Prophetic intention. Work through issues, causes, solutions, path forward Can be 5 min,	Distinct spiritual experience, Feel God’s love, See something from new perspective, reassured, vision of future, hope, inspired forward and upward Quick / Informal / No Prior Relationship Common “Campground” Needs to be genuinely interested, seek with all your heart Need to stay tuned to spirit to guide process
Still Quiet Voice – Interactive Journaling	Quiet Mind, Picture Jesus, Ask / Tune, Write, Test 15-20 min, 45 in group	- Clarity, Insight, Direction. Feedback, Encouragement, Correction - Confidence to proceed forward in Faith, believing I understand His will and am aligned with It. - Ongoing process to stay connected and gain insight - Good tool for disciple tool box

Testimony - Word's Of Wisdom - from HGBS#8

Date M/YY	Situation	Word Of Wisdom	Result
6/19	Loss of arm function due to bicycle accident	"The Surgeon"	Pursue recovery of function through surgery
11/19	Fear / Anxiety over surgery and recovery process	Image: God holding His right Hand... Isaiah 41:10	Prayer of Isaiah 41:10, Fear left, confidence flowed in
10/19	Advanced Cancer Diagnosis, Isolated in covid ward, Struggling with salvation	Image: Jesus with parade of followers, watching from sideline. Not worthy.	Focus on "Whoever calls on Jesus name". Gained faith, then Salvation. Converted family members on deathbed.
7/21	Boat Engine Not Starting, Cause Not Obvious	"Starter Solenoid"	Replaces solenoid, started right up
11/20	Advanced Cancer Diagnosis	"The Healer"	Prayer, Faith carried for several years
11/20	Prostrate Cancer Diagnosis	"Shall not die"... John 3:16	Prayer and Faith. Full Recovery after treatment
6/23	Blood sugar out of control, 450. Not able to manage via diet or meds.	Image: Waterfall, Living Water. Prayer to Heal, Imagine Cleansing in water	Blood Test Next Day, Blood sugar level normal, Stopped special diet and meds
7/24	Loss of spouse and sister, Struggle with role/path forward	Image: Children Fishing, Jesus, Role is to help them find him	1 month later, New role on town council and in church, children were council members
7/24	Loss of Spouse, struggle with role/path forward,	Image: Serving as Deacon	Signing up for deacon program

Resources

Charles Stanley

Hearing God's Voice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llZpc8MIK8k>

Father Mike – Ascension Presents

How Can I Know That It's Actually God's Voice?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLYhgyMJPnU>

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Hear God's Voice: Interactive Journalling

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/relationship/you-can-hear-gods-voice/>

Hear God's Voice - Through His Word

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/hear-the-word-of-god/>

Hear God's Voice - Receive Word Of Wisdom

<https://mygodinmotion.org/info/building-a-relationship-with-god/listen-for-his-input/word-of-wisdom/>

Change Your Pictures, Change Your Life

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/change-your-perspective/>

Be Transformed By Spending Quality Time With God

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/spend-quality-time-with-god/>

Trials Squeeze The Real You Out, What Do You Look Like?

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/trials-squeeze-the-real-you-out/>



Call to Action:

- Find Your Ways to Hear God's Voice
 - What Got Your Attention, Got Your In The Game?
 - What Significant Events Shaped Your Path?
 - How Do You Build Knowledge?
 - How Do You Gain Understanding?
 - How Do You Gain Wisdom?
 - How Do You Hear and React To Your Conscience? (Run to God not from Him)
 - How Do You Discern Guidance and Direction?
- Build Up Your Tool Box So You Have Options
 - Meditation in the Word can be powerful
 - Prayer/Meditation on the subject and options.
 - Consider Interactive Journalling As A Versatile Tool
 - Spending Quality Time In Conversation With God is Powerful

Discussion

This Topic

- Questions / Clarification?
- Practical Experiences?
 - Struggles / Barriers
 - Success / Lesson Learned

Other Topics

- Questions?

Quiet Yourself To Hear His Voice

Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God"

1 Kings 19:11-13

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice**.

So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
 - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
 - ✓ Good Mix - Content & Discussion
 - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
 - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
 - ✓ Do quick intro when new folks so they get familiar
 - ✓ Host log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
 - ✓ Me: Send Reminder Text Early, and then 30 min before
 - ✓ Me: Set dog up for success to avoid distraction
 - ✓ Me: Mute participants during presentation to improve sound quality

Next Session & Future Topics

Candidate topic for next week:

Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Gratitude Defeats Anxiety
- Deny Your Life To The Point Of Death!
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!
- Yield Your Life To Find It – His Will, Not Yours
- What does it look like to Love God with all your heart

Next Session:
Tues 5/20/25

Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times
- What does the new heaven/new earth mean?
- What are the steps to discernment

Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light,
shine as a bright beacon in this dark world, and
do all things in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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