



CFC Community Group Study Guide

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God's movement in our lives comes as a low volume whisper that can guide us through our simple day-to-day decisions as well as our life-altering leaps of faith. The fiery presence of God, once hovering over the Jewish tabernacle in the desert is now inside all those who believe.

Scripture

Numbers 9: 13-17 - The cloud above the Tabernacle looked like fire.

John 20:19 – Jesus breathes on his disciples... “Receive the Holy Spirit”

1 Corinthians 3:16 – God's presence lives in you

Five filters for discerning God's voice from your own.

(from *The Power of a Whisper, Hearing God, Having the Guts to Respond*, by Bill Hybels)

1. *Is it from God?* Does it square with who I know God to be?
2. *Is it Scriptural?* Is this consistent with the teaching from Scripture?
3. *Is this wise?* Book of proverbs teaches us to become wise. If Jesus was standing next to you would he say “our have chosen wisely”
4. *Is it in tune with my wiring and character?* God has uniquely gifted us.
5. *What do the people I trust think about it?* If the whisper is from God then He will confirm it those around us.

Questions

1. Share one brief story of a time or season in your life when you heard from God, acted on it, and were glad you did.
2. Share another brief story – Describe a time when you wanted something to happen so fiercely that you acted on it without listening to God and the situation exploded like a piñata.
3. What are some of the noises in your life that makes God's whisper difficult to hear?
4. Read through Proverbs 3:5-7. How is this speaking into your life right now?
5. Over the next 2 weeks, how can we best encourage one another to listen more effectively to God's voice?

Bonus Question - Could you defeat Emily Craig in an arm-wrestling match?

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