

## God Speaks

### Small Group Study Questions

#### Opening Question:

What's your preferred method of communication with friends and family (e.g. text, phone call, in-person, etc.)? Why do you prefer that method?

#### General Observation:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon about how God communicates with us?

#### Understanding the Message:

2. The pastor mentioned four primary ways God speaks to believers today. What were they?

3. How does the Holy Spirit help us understand God's Word and communicate with God in prayer?

4. The sermon emphasized the importance of eliminating distractions to hear from God. What are some common distractions that can hinder our ability to listen to God?

5. How has God used circumstances in your life to speak to you or guide you in the past?

#### Personal Application:

6. Which of the four ways God speaks (Word, prayer, circumstances, church) do you find easiest to recognize? Which is most challenging for you?

7. The pastor said, "To hear from God, you must eliminate distraction." What practical steps can you take this week to reduce distractions and create more space to hear from God?

8. How might being part of a church community help you better discern God's voice and direction for your life?

#### Action Steps:

This week, choose one of the following:

- Set aside 15 minutes each day to read the Bible and pray, asking God to speak to you through His Word
- Journal about a recent circumstance in your life, reflecting on how God might be speaking through that situation
- Reach out to a mature Christian friend or mentor and ask them to share how they've heard from God recently

#### Sample Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for desiring to communicate with us. Please help us eliminate distractions so we can better hear Your voice. Open our hearts to recognize when You're speaking through Your Word, prayer, circumstances, and other believers. Give us the courage to obey when we hear You. In Jesus' name, Amen.