



“Hearing God's Word...Speaking God's Truth ” Small Group Discussion Guide

Introduction:

Discuss the common misconceptions about prophecy. What experiences or teachings have shaped your understanding of prophecy?

Scripture Reading:

- Romans 12:6-8
- 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21
- Ephesians 4:11-15
- Deuteronomy 18:19-22

Discussion Questions:

1. Understanding Prophecy:

- How does Romans 12:6-8 define the role of prophecy in the church?
- Discuss the difference between prophecy and teaching. Why is prophecy considered more personal and situation-specific?

2. Testing and Discernment:

- Reflect on 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21. Why is it important to test prophetic words?
- How can we practically test and discern the validity of a prophetic message?

3. Truth in Love:

- According to Ephesians 4:11-15, how does speaking the truth in love contribute to the maturity of the church?
- What does it look like to speak prophetic truth with love and humility in your community?

4. Caution in Prophetic Claims:

- Discuss the warnings in Deuteronomy 18:19-22. Why is it crucial to be careful when claiming “God said” something?
- How can we ensure our prophetic words align with Scripture?

5. Adjacent Gifts:

- Read 1 John 4:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 12:1, 6-16. How do the gifts of discernment and wisdom support the prophetic ministry?
- Share how these gifts have operated in your life or community.

Application:

- Identify one way you can grow in hearing and speaking God's truth in your daily life.
- Discuss how your group can cultivate an environment where prophetic words are shared, tested, and received with love.