

Hearing God



GROUPS

Connecting with:
God • Each Other • Community

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Sugar Grove Life Group
Curriculum

#1 Connecting

Select 1 or 2 of the following questions:

- Catch us up on what has been happening in your life recently.
- How have you seen God work in your life recently?
- What has been a high and low in your life recently?

-How to use Connecting With God Curriculum:

-This curriculum is designed to promote spiritual growth through small group interaction.

-It's as easy as '1', '2', '3'!

-Read the questions or follow the instructions in Box #1, then #2, and then #3.

#2 Into The Word

- Hannah dedicated her son, Samuel, to the service of the Lord. In chapter 3 of 1 Samuel we find the boy Samuel serving in the temple of God.
- Read 1 Samuel 3:1-11a
- Samuel did not realize God was speaking to him until Eli helped him realize it was the voice of God. Do you have someone in your life who helps you hear the voice of God? Who is that person in your life? How have they helped you hear God's voice in your life?
- Have you ever struggled to hear God in your life? Sometimes God speaks and we don't listen. Sometimes God is silent (see 1 Sam. 3:1). What would keep us from hearing God when he speaks to us? What might be the reason that God is sometimes silent?
- Read 1 Samuel 3:15-16.
- Samuel was afraid to tell Eli what God had said because the word of the Lord was against Eli (see 1 Sam. 3:11-14). Samuel had been put in the awkward position of bringing a message from God to his mentor. Are there times in your life that listening to God puts you in awkward situations?
- What helps you to hear and act upon the word of God in your life even when it is awkward?
- How can this group help you to hear and act upon the word of God in your life?

#3 Praise & Worship

- Go around the group and share any prayer needs.
- If there are any significant needs take time to lay hands on that person in prayer and/or let your group's shepherding elder know about the situation.
- Close the group time together in prayer.

Sharing prayer needs is an opportunity to share life together. It is always easy to ask the group to pray for a neighbor or coworker but it is not always easy to share with the group what in our own life needs prayer. Go deeper! Be honest with the group and share what in your own life needs prayer.