

## Hearing the Voice of the Spirit

### John 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

#### Wonder (W\_\_\_\_\_!)

There will be “wow” moments when the Spirit’s presence is palpable and the Spirit’s communication clear.  
Revelation 1:10–16; Ephesians 3:17–19; Psalm 17:7

#### Word (W\_\_\_\_\_ and W\_\_\_\_\_)

The power of words and Word!  
Genesis 1:2–3, Isaiah 55:10–11; John 16:12–13

#### 1) The Spirit speaks to us in Scripture, centered in the Gospel

John 16:12-13; 2 Peter 1:21  
Who: centered in God the Son, Jesus Christ.  
What: sacrificial death on the cross, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2:9-10

#### 2) The Spirit speaks through pastors, teachers, etc. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

#### 3) The Spirit speaks through Christian family and friends Colossians 3:16

#### 4) The Spirit speaks into your own mind and heart 1 Kings 19:12-13

#### Worldview (W\_\_\_\_\_)

The Spirit directs us as increasingly our thoughts are aligned to his thoughts, our desires to his desires.  
1 Corinthians 2:16; Romans 8:6

*Hidden Worldviews: Eight Cultural Stories that Shape Our Lives*  
(Wilkins and Sanford)

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## Readings for Personal Reflection This Week

### John 14:23-31 & John 16:12-15

What is Jesus promise regarding the Holy Spirit in these verses?  
How have you felt the Holy Spirit teaching you? In what ways does the Spirit remind you of the truth that Jesus taught?

### 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Do you believe that the Holy Spirit has revealed spiritual truth to you? Why do you believe this? What parts of the truth and wisdom God has revealed in the Bible seems most difficult to understand or believe without the help of the Spirit?

### I Corinthians 2:11-16

When was a time you really learned something from the Word of God that was previously “hidden” from you? In what ways is your mind more open to the leading of the Spirit now than it used to be?

### Romans 8:12-16

What does it mean for you that the Spirit declares you to be a child of God? What indications do you have that you are being led by the Spirit of God, rather than by bodily desires? What motivates you to listen to the Holy Spirit and follow his lead?

### Ephesians 3:1-12

God has chosen to reveal the mysteries of the Gospel to individuals and given the church the responsibility to reveal and teach these truths to all. What people has the Holy Spirit used to speak spiritual truth to you and help you grow in your knowledge and understanding of the God’s truth?

## Personal Study and Group Discussion Guide

May 14 — 20

### My Story

When do you feel closest to God? In what ways do you feel God speaks to you?

Describe a time you had a strong sense of the Holy Spirit’s presence?

## **Quick Review**

What is your initial response to the message? What inspired you? Surprised you? Challenged you? Confused you?

## **Digging Deeper**

### **Experiencing the Spirit**

Reflect on the times you feel closest to God or have had a profound sense of his presence. What have you discerned about how you best hear from or experience the presence of God?

Read Ephesians 3:17-19 & Romans 8:15-16. Why is tuning into the Holy Spirit important for Christ followers?

Why is it important for us to reflect deeply on the awesome nature of God? How has the Spirit lead you to be in awe of God and his grace?

### **Spirit Filled Words**

What is your response to the idea that the Holy Spirit most often communicates through common human language? What does this mean for your understanding of how best to connect to and hear from the Holy Spirit?

Read Isaiah 55:10-11; John 6:12-13; Ephesians 6:17 & Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:21. How do these verses speak to the significance of the written Word of God in the Bible and the work of Holy Spirit?

How likely are you to expect the Holy Spirit to speak to you in a meaningful when you read Scripture, or hear it being read? How might you raise your level of anticipation to hear from the Holy Spirit through the written word of God?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-13. Do you believe that the Holy Spirit speaks to you through the words of other people? Who? How?

When you participate in worship or in a Bible study or a life group, how likely you are to expect the Holy Spirit to speak through the words of others? How might that anticipation change your experience in these settings?

What criteria do you think is helpful in determining if the “voice” you are hearing is that of the Holy Spirit or someone else? How do you think you could get better at discerning what the Holy Spirit is trying to teach you?

### **The Mind of Christ (Worldview)**

I Corinthians 2:16; Romans 8:6

How does one gain the mind of Christ learn to let their mind be led by the Spirit? How well do these phrases describe you?

Share about a time when you felt the Holy Spirit was in control of your mind? What happened? How did it feel? What was the result?

What could/would you like to start doing differently to develop more of the mind of Christ, or a godly worldview?

### **Taking It Home**

Spend time at least twice this week doing something that makes you feel close to God. As you do, read some Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Keep a log of spiritual thoughts, insights that you have this week, and how they came to you. At the end of the week review the log and ask God to help you be more attentive to how the Holy Spirit is speaking to you each day?

### **Prayer Requests**

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**Next Week: *Holy Spirit 5: “Now concerning Spiritual Gifts.”***