

HEARING FROM GOD

Part 1. Guidance from God

Ask someone to give a brief recap of the talk.

- Do you think God has a plan for your life? How do you feel about the idea that he does? Does it fill you with confidence or cause you worry?

Kate talked about 4 keys to finding God's guidance. The way we can be most confident that we are truly being guided by God is when all the 4 Ws line up.

1. WORD of Scripture

- How do you feel about the idea that an ancient book could give you guidance for your life today?
- Have you ever had a time when God has guided you through his Word in Scripture?

2. WITNESS of the Spirit

- Does God ever speak to you through the Holy Spirit? If so, how would you explain what that's like?
- What can we do to tune our ears to be better able to recognise the voice of God?

3. WISDOM of the Saints

- Why do you think God likes to involve other people in the process of giving us guidance? Have you ever come across someone claiming that God has spoken to them that could have done with checking it out with others?
- How do you choose the right people who you can trust will speak the word of God to you?

4. WORKING of Circumstances

- Why do you think this is the one that is often neglected?
- What do you think it looks like to partner with God, in searching for his guidance?

BIG IDEA: The most secure way to hear God's guidance for your life is to make sure the 4 Ws line up. Cultivate each one daily by reading scripture, giving time to attune to the voice of the Holy Spirit, staying accountable to the counsel of others and constantly looking for the doors of opportunity God is opening.

Take some time to pray. In small groups, each choose which way of hearing from God you would like to grow in. Pray for each other that you would have opportunities to learn more about it and practise it.

Also, if anyone in your group has anything specific they want guidance for, pray for them and ask God to show them his plan. If you're feeling confident you could ask God for a prophetic word and see if it resonates with them!