

Session 3: God wants to communicate his heart

Session Notes

- Welcome back to following the voice of God
- Intro name, session title – God wants to communicate his heart
 - Everyone can prophecy
 - 1 Corinthians 14 purposes: build up/exhort, encourage, comfort (and teach)
 - Always in line with the bible
 - Always in line with God’s character
- This session is about God’s heart. When I was courting D, yes I wanted to know what she thought, what her opinions were, and so on, but most of all I wanted to know who she is, what her “heart” was, as it were
- Same with God – except he knows both his heart and our heart better than we do, and longs to share that with us.
- First, there are a couple more things in 1 Corinthians 14 we didn’t cover last session:
 - 1 Corinthians 14.3: To people
 - Use their language!
 - 1 Corinthians 14.24-25
 - Into his presence: Meeting with God, not a meeting about God (being at a meeting vs reading the minutes)
- Therefore in hearing God we can expect him to ...
 - Share about his wonderful nature, his love, his fatherhood, his justice, his grace ...
 - Share about who we are in him
 - both in terms of being his children, royals priests
 - Share about his heart and visions for the present and the future
 - And in terms of his vision for those we are with.
 - Remember: it’s not about making something happen, it’s an invitation to a wonderful God imagined future.
- So, when we seek to hear God for others (which we’re about to do), we expect to hear him speak in those kind of ways.
- Last time we did I saw, God said, and I’d encourage you to keep looking out for objects that God highlights, this time let’s also be open to God putting an image in our heads, that couldn’t have got there on its own, and then ask him what it meant ...
- Explain pairs exercise.

Exercise

Hear God for someone you don’t know in pairs

Final encouragement/challenge (not on video, session leader to give)

How does God want to encourage someone you see regularly in your daily life (church, work, whatever). Ask him what he has to say to them and find a way to share it appropriately. Remember the 1 Cor 14 guidelines.

Notes to help the session run well

- Give everyone in the group a number, which represents someone other than themselves in the group and get them to pray for that person. It is wiser to do this men for men and women for women; it is also better to try and arrange pairs which go with each other.
- Give everyone time to pray and hear God *before they know who they are praying for*, then get them to go into their pairs and share what they had for each other.
- It may help to have a pile of objects for those who are still getting going.
- Remember to ask at the end how many (show of hands) have been encouraged by strengthen by what was shared with them.

A table like this can help to quickly pair people together, and it can be wise to avoid putting less confident people together. Note the random numbers stop people trying to “guess who they’ve got”. Please change them before actually using the table so that they really are random.

Men			Women		
No.	Name		No.	Name	
4		Pair	1		Pair
45			34		
2		Pair	5		Pair
78			18		
3		Pair	9		Pair
25			51		
48		Pair	27		Pair
93			52		
17		Pair	8		Pair
57			14		

And you can give everyone a slip like this (easy to print out and fill in on the fly)

Name:	Your number:
You are praying for the person who is number:	