

Bible Study, Your Congregation For God, Week 1

Day: 1 Hear God's Voice

Read Exodus 33:7-11

1. In which way does God show us what his will for us is?
2. What keeps us from hearing God's voice in our lives?

Luke 9: 23

Romans 12:1-2

Isaiah 59:1-2

3. What must we do to make sure that we actually hear God's voice?

Exodus 33: 7-11

Joshua 1: 8

Proverbs 3: 5

4. How do you know if it is really God's word?
5. What is God's promise in James 1: 5-8?

6. Further Reading:

- Psalm 1:1-3. Think about God's Word
- Exodus 33:12-18. A conversation with god
- Isaiah 55:8-9. God's thoughts
- John 16:13-15. The Holy Spirit helps us
- Psalm 25:4-15. Pray for guidance

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Day: 2 The Power Of Prayer

Read Isaiah 30: 8-16 and 1 Timothy 2: 1-5

1. What attitude does God expect from us during our quiet time?
2. What does it mean to be quiet in God's presence?
3. Why do we have to pray specifically for our leaders?
4. What do we specifically have to pray for?

- The country's leaders
- The church leaders
- Our teachers
- Police
- Other senior people

5. What does Colossians 4:2-4 about prayer during and for a church service? How can an hour of prayer be organized to pray specifically for the service?

6. What does James 5: 14-18 teach us about the power of prayer?

7. Name instances in the Bible of powerful answers to prayer.

8. Name an important prayer of yours that has been answered in a powerful way.

9. Name the same for an instance in your congregation.

10. Further reading:

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| • 1 Samuel 1:9-20. | The barren became pregnant |
| • Psalm 138:1-8. | God hears and answers |
| • 1 Thessalonians 5:4-26 | Persevere in prayer |
| • John 4:21-24. | Real worship |
| • Psalm 20:1-9. | Trust God in prayer |
| • 1 Samuel 17:45-47 | God gives victory |

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Day: 3 What Is Your Congregation's Unique Calling

Read Matthew 5: 13-16

1. Describe your congregation's unique calling under the following headers:

- A centralized mega-congregation
- A renewing congregation
- A caring congregation
- A pioneering congregation
- An evangelizing congregation
- An outreaching congregation
- A training congregation
- A community church

2. What is the purpose of the congregation according to?

- Matthew 5:14-16
- Isaiah 42:6-10

3. What is keeping your congregation back from becoming what it should be?

- Acts 8:1, 4
- Mark 7:13
- Luke 5:37-39
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- Acts 5:29

4. Think of a few practical ways that your congregation can reach more people with the message?

5. What comfort can you get from God from His promises to your congregation in Ps 105:41-44?

6. Further Reading:

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| • Philippians 2:15-18. | Light bearers in this world |
| • Mica 4:1-4. | The nations will stream to God |
| • Zechariah 1:12-17. | The temple will be overflowing |
| • Psalm 23:1-6. | My cup is overflowing |
| • Ephesians 1:18-23. | God's great might |

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Day: 4 God Does Wonders

Read Psalm 107: 17-22

1. Do you have a testimony of a recent wonder of God in:

- Your personal life
- Your congregation

2. What characteristic of God is shown through His wonders according to?

- Numbers 14:11
- Psalm 107:20-22
- Zechariah 8:3-6

3. How are we supposed to react to God's wonders?

- Isaiah 8:13
- Numbers 20:11-13
- Mark 5:35-42

4. Read Malachi 3: 1-5

- What do we learn about God from this?
- What do we learn about the conditions for wonders from this?

5. What prevents the mighty King (Psalm 24: 7) from entering your congregation and doing big things in it?

6. Further reading:

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| • Matthew 19:16-26. | For God nothing is impossible |
| • Judges 6:14-24. | A wonder for the sake of |
| • Matthew 13:53-58. | Disbelief prevents |
| • Psalm 96:1-13. | God is big |
| • Isaiah 41:17-20. | God transforms the desert |

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Day: 5 Build God's Church

Read 1 Chronicles 22: 11-19

1. What are the instructions for your congregation concerning building a church for god in 1 Chronicles 22: 19 concerning?

- When
- How
- For What

2. Read 1 Chronicles 28:10, Nehemiah 2:18 and say who is responsible for building a church for God.

3. What is your personal responsibility?

4. How can you build out your church in your community?

5. Read Hebrews 13: 1-2 and John 13:14. Who is going to cross our path that we will have to be hospitable to, loving them and washing their feet?

6. Read Psalm 65:5 and Psalm 65:10. What are the areas of special promise from God for building a church for God?

7. Further Reading:

- 1 Chronicles 28:19-21. God is building
- Judges 6:11-16. God will make you successful
- Genesis 26:18-22. God gives new and bigger space
- Acts 17:22-25. God does not live in temples
- Joshua 1:5-9. God is with you

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Day: 6 What Is Faith

Read Hebrews 11: 1-6

1. What is faith according to your personal opinion?
2. What does faith means according to?
 - Hebrew 11:1 en 6
 - Numbers 13:30-31, 14:11-12
3. How did God previously test faith?
4. How did God previously test your faith?
5. What does the Bible teach us about faith?
 - Hebrews 6:16-18
 - Hebrews 11:7-11
 - Hebrews 12:1-3
6. Think of an example where God tested your congregation's faith?
7. What are the elements of faith according to:
 - Proverbs 3:5-7
 - 1 Timothy 3:9 en 4:1
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
8. What great things can you see, through faith, that God did already in your life and in your congregation?
9. Further Reading:
 - Hebrew 12:25-29. Cling to God's word
 - James 1:2-8. A faith test
 - Numbers 11:21-32. God is almighty

- 1 Corinthians 2:6-9. God does the impossible
- Joshua 3:5-13. God does wonders

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Day: 7 The Secret Of True Faith

Read Mark 11: 20-26

1. Try and think of an example in your own life to illustrate what faith is.
2. What do the following say about faith?
 - Exodus 19:4-8
 - Isaiah 33:12-14
 - John 4:46-53
 - Mark 11:20-24
3. What are the "greater" things Jesus is speaking about in John 14:12-14?
4. Name a few examples from the Bible on true faith.
5. What stops faith?
 - Matthew 13:54-58
 - Deuteronomy 31:6-8
6. Further Reading:
 - 2 Chronicles 32:6-8. Trust in God
 - Hebrews 10:32-39. Persevere in faith.
 - 1 Peter 1:7-9. Purified faith
 - Ephesians 6:10-20. Stand up to everything in faith.

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