

EPIC Group Prophetic Night: Hearing God Together

Theme: “My Sheep Hear My Voice”

John 10:27 — “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

What is Prophecy?

Tonight is about tuning our hearts to God’s voice—not just for ourselves, but for one another.

We believe that in the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit is poured out on all believers, so we can all hear from God (Joel 2, Acts 2).

1. **John 10:27** – Jesus’ sheep *do* hear His voice.
2. **1 Corinthians 14:3** – The purpose of prophecy: “But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouraging and comfort**.
3. **1 Thessalonians 5:19–21** – “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but **test them all; hold on to what is good.**”

Some key truths:

4. Prophetic = Hearing God’s heart and sharing it in love.
5. NT prophecy is relational, encouraging, and honoring.
6. We all can prophesy (1 Cor 14:31), and we are all responsible to weigh what we hear (1 Thess 5:19–21).
7. Prophetic words should align with Scripture, feel like the heart of Jesus, and leave us closer to God.

4 Ways We Hear God:

1. See (vision/picture)
2. Hear (words/phrases)
3. Feel (impressions/emotions)
4. Know (inner knowing/peace)

Warm-Up Activation: “Jesus, Do You Love Me?”

Instructions:

- Have everyone get quiet, close their eyes, and ask:
“Jesus, do you love me?”
- Ask them to notice how they receive the answer:
 - Do you see something?
 - Hear a word or phrase?
 - Feel peace, joy, or comfort?
 - Just *know* deep inside?

Share Time:

- Invite a few to briefly share what they experienced.
- Affirm: “You just heard from God!”

Biblical Foundation for Prophetic Practice

1 Timothy 4:14–15 (ESV):

“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”

1 Corinthians 13:9 (NIV):

“For we know in part and we prophesy in part...”

1 Corinthians 14:31 (NIV):

“For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.”

Main Activation: “One Word from God”

Title: What’s God Saying Through One Word?

Objective:

You know the song with the chorus, “I don’t need anything else, You are my one thing”. Tonight we are going to seek one thing, literally one word for everybody else in the group from the one who is our one thing, our everything.

Each of us is going to listen to the Holy Spirit and writes one word for each person in the group. At the end, everyone will receive a stack of words spoken over them and then we'll discuss together what God is saying in the words you receive.

Supplies Needed:

- A stack of 3x5 index cards (enough for each person to write one card per participant)
- Pens or markers

Instructions:

1. Pray First:

- "Holy Spirit, what is one word You want to speak over each person in this room?"
- This could be a word to strengthen identity, offer encouragement, or comfort with direction. Examples: Peace, Anchor, Fire, Growth, Restoration, Builder, Healer, Joy, ring, coin, harmonica, Lima Beans. (Be open to whatever word God wants to give you for each person. It doesn't have to make sense on its own. You don't need to figure it out . . . yet)

Play soft worship music in the background during writing and discernment time.

2. Write It Down:

- Write one word per card with the name of the person it's for on the back or front.
- No explanations, just the single word as received.

3. Distribute the Cards:

- Once everyone is finished, pass out the cards to the intended recipients.
- Each person should receive a stack of cards with their name and a single word on each.

4. Time of Discernment:

- Quietly read through your stack of words.
- Ask: "Holy Spirit, what are You saying to me through these words?"
- Notice patterns, themes, repeated words, or a storyline.

5. Share What You Discern:

- Go around the room and have each person share:
 - What were your words?
 - What do you feel God is highlighting or saying?

- Any emotion or confirmation stirred in you?
- What is God confirming or awakening in me?

6. Any Group Discernment from the words put together?

Encouragement:

- Remember that even one word from God can carry weight and wonder.
- Emphasize we're not just giving nice ideas—we're practicing the prophetic: tuning into the living voice of God for one another.
- Encourage people to write the words down in their journal, pray into them this week, and consider asking God to expand on them.
