

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The Invisible Man – Part 3

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

How well do you know the Small Group Ministry Purpose Statement?

Small Group Purpose Statement: Ensure an environment to help people connect, belong and grow to full maturity in Christ and cultivate Do Something Christians.

What is the Small Group Ministry theme scripture?

Acts 2:42 – “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Take sometime this week to review the purpose statement and scripture above. How do they apply to your leadership? In what ways does your small group reflect the values introduced? How would memorizing the purpose statement and scripture influence your focus or direction as a small group leader?

If you haven't already done so already, prayerfully consider memorizing both the Small Group Purpose Statement and theme scripture. Ask God to use the purpose statement and His Word to remind you to be a focused, good steward of the ministry He has entrusted to you.

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

Reaching the Lost: Pray that all of our groups participate in our up coming Small Group sign up.

Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups: Pray that all of our Small Groups take time to follow up on all the new people trying to get into small groups.

Potential Small Group Leaders: Pray that our current leaders continue to give their ministry away and develop future leaders to reach their full potential in Jesus.

Small Group Staff: Pray that God gives us the favor and wisdom as we develop the Small Group team. Ask Him to order our steps in every decision we make.

The Rock Body: Pray that the Rock Army grows deeper and deeper in the stewardship of their lives in Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

(Acts 2:42)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – HEARING GOD’S VOICE

[Read the following excerpts of *Experiencing God* by Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King.]

When we move from the Gospels to Acts and to the present, we quite often change our whole mind-set. We live as if God quit speaking personally to His people. We fail to realize that an encounter with the Holy Spirit is an encounter with God. God clearly spoke to His people in Acts. He clearly speaks to us today. From Acts to the present, God has been speaking to His people by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit takes up residence in the life of a believer. “You yourselves are God’s temple and ...God’s Spirit lives in you” (1 Cor 3:16). “Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God” (1 Cor 6:19). Because He is always present in a believer, He can speak to you clearly and at any time.

When God spoke to Moses and others in the Old Testament, those events were encounters with God. An encounter with Jesus was an encounter with God for the disciples. In the same way an encounter with the Holy Spirit is an encounter with God for you.

Now that the Holy Spirit is given, He is the one who guides you into all truth and teaches you all things. You understand spiritual truth because the Holy Spirit is working in your life. You cannot understand the Word of God unless the Spirit of God teaches you. When you come to the Word of God, the Author Himself is present to instruct you. You never *discover* truth; truth is *revealed*. When the Holy Spirit reveals truth to you, He is not leading you to an encounter with God. That *is* an encounter with God!

Getting Started

1. How did God speak in the Old Testament?
2. How did God speak in the Gospels?
3. How did God speak in Acts and to the present time?

Digging Deeper

4. In Sunday’s service, Miles described God’s voice as a small, still voice. (1 Kings 19:11-12) How does that differ from the way popular culture describes God’s voice?
5. What are some barriers to being able to hear God’s voice?

6. We learned Sunday that the Invisible Man sounds like biblical truth (John 14:26); meaning that what we hear from the Holy Spirit will always agree with the Bible. What else will also align with God's voice when He is speaking to us?
7. Read Mark 13:11. When have you been afraid to speak when the Holy Spirit prompted you to? What was the outcome?

Bringing it Home

Break up into pairs and complete the following questions.

8. How have you been responding to what God has been calling to your attention? How would you describe your response to His leading?
9. What do you sense is your greatest spiritual challenge right now?
10. With your partner, pray about the things you identified in questions 8 and 9. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you obey when He speaks. Ask for protection against the enemies' whispers that sound like accusations or criticisms. Ask for help to distinguish between the two.