Life Group
Notes
The Voice Week 1
26th April 2015

Welcome
What story in the media has caught your attention this week? How did it make you feel?

Word
Read Genesis 1: 1-3
We believe that God has a voice and that He speaks. What was the form of the world before God spoke? What was it after He spoke? What do you think the link between the Spirit of God "hovering" over the waters and God speaking?

Consider these specific examples of when God spoke to various people in Bible and for each consider the following questions (perhaps split into 4 smaller groups of 2-3 people and then discuss all your answers together):

Adam and Eve; *Gen 3 V 8*   Noah; *Gen 6V 11-22* ,   Abraham *Gen 12 V 1 -4*   Moses *Ex 3V1-10*

- What situation / circumstances did God speak into?
- How did the person receive the words that God said to them?
- What effect did God's words have on the person hearing them?
- What was their response?
- What impact did God's words have?

Read John 10 :2-5,8-10
God still speaks today and His voice brings life! What are the characteristics of the relationship between the Shepherd and us hearing His voice as the sheep?
We can tell if we are not listening to God's voice because other voices bring shame and fear. If a thought doesn't bring life and hope it probably isn't from God!

Are you aware of any repeated/ current thought patterns that don't bring you life and hope?

Split into groups of 2-3 and pray for one another to help to replace these negative thoughts with ones that God who loves you and has created you would want you to think!

Worship
Play some worship music and take some time to listen to God's voice – He often speaks in a whisper! What has He whispered to you?

Works
Share any recent conversations with unchurched friends/ family that have been significant in them coming closer to thinking about God and pray in the group about them.