



Welcome

Tell the life group 4 facts about yourself – 3 that are true and 1 that is untrue. Make them as obscure as possible and see who can find out the lie!

Word

Read Genesis 16 1-10

Recap the story of Hagar; Sarai took the situation of her barrenness into her own hands by suggesting that she could build a family through Hagar. This was the first result of listening to her own voice rather than to holding onto what God had said by faith. Abram then listened to his wife rather than God by following her human “plan”.

Can you recall a situation in which it was easier to listen to your own voice rather than walking by faith and following what you felt God was saying to you?

Read Genesis 16 V 8

The angel of the Lord asked Hagar; **“Where have you come from and where are you going ?”**

These are really searching questions to help us assess whether our current path is in line with the direction of God for our lives. As we’ve been thinking about following different voices , it’s easy to get “knocked off course” by listening to other voices rather than God’s.

Ask yourselves that question; am I walking in line with the direction I feel God has for my life or are you being influenced by some other “voices” that may be detracting you from following God’s plan? Are you tempted to return to your “Egypt”? Take a few minutes to consider where you are with this.

Read John 19 V 30 “It is finished”

When Jesus died on the cross He uttered these words to show that His death had forever ended the following state for all mankind and changed our relationship with God:

- Punishment for sin
- Separation from God
- Guilt over sin
- Fear of death
- Lack of holiness

His death brought in the new state of relationship with God that we can all enjoy freely because of the sacrifice of Christ :

- Closeness with God instead of being separated
- Freedom from guilt, shame and low self esteem
- A confidence in our eternal place
- A predisposition for righteousness as saints and a place in His royal priesthood.

Worship

Take communion together and pray for each other using God’s voice to replace any negative voices that people may feel are influencing them: God’s voice of hope/peace/joy/assurance/forgiveness/courage/strength. Specifically pray that people will not return to their “Egypt”.

Works

Share where you’re at in your outreach to unchurch friends/family and agree with the group how to ask in faith for God to intervene in one of these situations. (Be specific and ask in faith)



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