

**Life Group Notes**  
**The Voice Week 3**  
 10th May 2015



**Welcome**

Tell the group a story of what happened when you used your voice over the last six months (follow on from Sunday morning).

For example: When you had a conversation about faith.

When you encouraged someone when they didn't expect to be.

When you stepped out and prayed for healing for someone.

When you stood up for someone who was being ill-treated.

When something happened that you had been praying for a while.

**Encourage individuals to complete the Voice Competition card and bring it to church so that we can hear stories!**

**Word**

**Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

God speaks through His word. What do you think the purpose of God speaking through His word is? Think about the 2 phrases: "training in righteousness" and being "equipped for every good work."

**Read Ephesians 4:11-12** What is the purpose of the Scriptures for the believers?

**Read 1 Corinthians 2:13** What is explained in Scripture in contrast to human understanding?

**Read 1 Samuel 3: 1-10** How do we recognise God's voice?

Why do you think Samuel didn't recognise God's voice at first?

Have you had situations in which God has had to use others to get you to listen to Him?

**Give some time for people to individually:**

**Assess your "signal strength" for hearing God.** Consider what is currently blocking your "signal"; it could be: pride and independence (feeling you don't need God). It may be that you're afraid of what He may say or you may feel let down by God or others because something hasn't worked out as you had wanted?

**Increase your "signal strength" to hear God for the following exercise:**

**Worship**

**Take some time to individually listen to God using the following exercise:**

"Get out your Bible and a sheet of paper. At the top of the page write down two or three sentences to describe what is on your mind. You may have a question about God, or about how He views something, or a question about the Christian life. Maybe there is a situation in your life that is bothering you and you could really use God's insight on it. Write a couple of sentences to summarize the current situation or what led to your question. Then ask God a question about it and write it down on your paper also.

For example: *"God, I feel overwhelmed with all the work I have to do. I'm not sure how I will get it all done and I'm feeling angry. Is there anything from your perspective that You would like me to know right now?"*

Ask members of the group to share what they have heard from God. If they haven't heard yet- ask the others to pray for them through the week and text/email what they hear from God for them.

**Works**

Ask God to bring one unchurched person to mind who you can pray for and what to pray for them specifically in the week.