



TRUE PROPHECY

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Focus True prophecy is all through the Bible. Although some of us have had bad experiences with prophetic ministry, God's purpose for prophecy is always to strengthen and encourage His people.

Fun If you could have a two-minute conversation with any unfamous person, who would it be and what would you talk about? What famous person would you want to talk to and what would you talk about?

Review Key Scriptures: *Proverbs 15:23; 1 Timothy 4:14*

1. True prophecy is accurate.

In 1 Samuel 10, God spoke through the prophet Samuel regarding Saul, the Lord's anointed commander over His inheritance. In Acts 11:28, Jesus saw Nathaniel under the fig tree before Phillip called him. True prophecy has the power to change you. God clearly spoke throughout the Old and New Testaments, and He speaks to us today.

2. True prophecy is encouraging.

We all have baggage we carry. And sometimes God has to point us out to encourage us. God had to point out Saul to the people of Israel because he was hiding in the baggage. Saul didn't want to be king, but God identified Saul as His anointed commander of Israel. God points us out never to embarrass us but only to encourage us.

3. True prophecy comes to pass.

God's word and promises are always fulfilled. Matthew 5:18 says not one jot or tittle will pass from the law till all is fulfilled. This means every word from God will come to pass.

Group Dynamics Idea Summer is a great time to plan a retreat with your small group. Determine what type of retreat would work best for your group's dynamics, and get ready to make some wonderful memories this summer.

Discuss

1. When you hear the words "prophetic ministry," what thoughts come to mind? Are these thoughts positive or negative to you? Explain.
2. What surprised you most about true prophetic ministry being accurate?
3. Do you agree or disagree that prophecy still happens today?
4. How is prophetic ministry relevant for our modern lives?
5. What might be some reasons God would want to speak to people? Why would God want to point someone out as Pastor Robert mentioned?
6. Take a moment and ask yourself, "What do I feel like God has said to me in the past or present that I haven't acknowledged as His voice speaking?"
7. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message? Ask God into the areas of your life that need encouragement, ask Him to give you ears to hear His voice, and invite Him to freely speak into your life.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- True prophecy is accurate.
- True prophecy is encouraging.
- True prophecy always comes to pass.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for all the ways You love and care for us. Open our ears to hear You more. Help us to hear Your words with an expectant heart. Today, bring to our remembrance anything that You have spoken to us in the past that we may have forgotten. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to heed and obey Your word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

New Leader Tip

Strategically use the first five minutes with your group to make members feel more relaxed. Laughing together is a great way to get everyone to feel more comfortable. Be open with the group and try to model transparency for them. This will help to encourage open communication and connection throughout group time.