

FREQUENCY

A GATEWAY SERIES

I'm a Prophet

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Focus We can all prophesy because we can all hear God. God wants to encourage us with words of comfort and strength. He wants us to pursue love and to desire spiritual gifts, especially so we may prophesy.

Fun Recall a memory of the first time you drove a car or hiked for miles or swam in the ocean. Describe your reaction when you were young and experienced something new.

Review Key Scriptures: Numbers 11:24–29; Acts 2:16–18; 1 Corinthians 14:1, 3, 31

- **All can prophesy.**

Moses prayed that the Lord would put His Spirit upon all His people so that they would all prophesy. This prayer was fulfilled in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit baptized and remained on God's people so that they all prophesied.

- **Prophecy is not manipulative.**

Hearing and speaking from God is a careful learning process. Our own selfish desire could lead us to prophesy vainly. The Holy Spirit walks alongside us and talks with us with words of exhortation, not manipulation.

- **Prophecy is encouraging.**

God wants all of us to pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, especially that we may prophesy. A prophetic message from God strengthens and comforts others. As we learn to hear the words of the Holy Spirit, we can speak His words for the purpose of edification.

Group Dynamics Idea Near the end of the meeting, provide a few minutes for silent prayer. Ask each member to pray for the person on their right. Follow up this time by openly sharing some words of encouragement that the Holy Spirit has spoken during prayer.

Discuss

1. Why is it important to know God as an encouraging Father when you seek spiritual gifts, especially prophetic words?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:3. What questions can you ask as a scriptural test to discern a true prophetic word?
3. Why does fully yielding to the Holy Spirit prepare you to give accurate prophetic words for others?
4. Explain how a prophecy with selfish intentions might take the Lord's name in vain.
5. John 1:33 says that Jesus was the first person upon whom the Holy Spirit remained. Read Numbers 11:25. When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, how is this different from when the Holy Spirit rested on the elders in Numbers 11:25?
6. Describe when and how the prayer of Moses in Numbers 11:29 has been fulfilled.

Take Home

- We can all prophesy by hearing God.
- The Holy Spirit walks and talks with us because He remains with us after He baptizes us.
- God wants us to desire His spiritual gifts, especially prophecy.

Pray

Father, thank You for baptizing Jesus with the Holy Spirit on earth. Holy Spirit, we know You remain inside us also when You baptize us. Lord, help us to clearly hear Your voice so that we may encourage others with prophetic words. We seek and ask You to give us spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. We bless You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Encourage your members to keep a separate notebook just for writing prophetic words and Scripture. Ask them to pray during their quiet time for a certain person on their heart and then write down what they hear from the Holy Spirit.