

FREQUENCY

A GATEWAY SERIES

I'm a Sheep

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Focus Hearing God is not something you *do*; it is someone you *are*. God speaks to those who have a personal relationship with Him.

Fun We all love music, but do we really hear the words? Pick a popular song and have it playing in the background. Turn the song off and have everyone write down what they think the words to the chorus are.

Review Key Scriptures: John 10:1–4, 11, 16, 27

- **It's innate.**

As human beings, we were created in the image of God, and our God is a communicative God. We are born with the ability to hear God. When we are born again, we are born a child of God. He is the Shepherd, and we are the sheep. Sheep have the ability to hear the Shepherd.

- **It's learned.**

Though we are born with the ability to hear God, hearing God isn't solely based on innate knowledge or wisdom; learning to hear helps increase our ability to hear Him. It's simply dependent upon being taught. We all have to learn to hear God.

- **It's matured.**

God wants to communicate with us on a regular basis for fellowship, not just instruction alone. Not everything you think you hear is God. We need to mature to the place where we can discern God's voice and make the right decision.

Group Dynamics Idea Building relationships is an important part of small group meetings, and connections can be made when we pray together. At the end of your discussion time, ask members to break up into groups of two or three to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Discuss 1. How do you make decisions?

2. Why can it sometimes be hard for us to stand still and wait on God to help us instead of doing something ourselves?

3. What are some of the biggest challenges people face that keep them from having a quiet time with the Lord? Where is your favorite place to have a quiet time?

4. Hearing God is the second half of prayer. God never intended prayer to be us giving Him our to-do list every morning. He intended prayer to be a communication between a Father and His children. Do you have a communicative relationship with God? What are some steps you use to quiet your mind and focus on God's voice?

Take Home

- God still talks.
- Get alone with God, turn on a worship CD, read the Word, and write down what you think God is saying to you through what you read that day.
- The ability to hear God is innate, learned, and matured.

Pray Lord, thank You for creating us in Your image so we can communicate with You. Father, thank You that You still speak to us. You are the Shepherd, and we are Your sheep. Help us to learn and mature in our growth so we can hear Your voice. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Spring is here, and summer is fast approaching. Be intentional about making your group fun. Break up the rhythm of the group from time to time—have karaoke nights, go out to eat together, watch a ball game, meet at the park on a weekend, etc. Do anything that makes your group fun and full of life.