

Sisters In The Journey



... Desiring to never see a sister journey alone.

Discerning The Voice of God, *How to Recognize when God is Speaking*

Session 1 Introduction and Overview

Aim: At the conclusion of this lesson we will be better understand the qualities of the Good Shepherd and the nature of sheep. Also, how the relationship between shepherd and sheep impacts our ability to discern God's voice.

Scriptures:

John 10:11(NIV)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:27(The Message Bible)

My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

Dividing The Word: (Establishing principles of God through scriptures)

Qualities:

- He is the **good** shepherd. (Matthew 19:16-17)
- He **protects** (John 10:28)
- He **guides** (Psalm 23:3)
- He **nurtures** (Isaiah 40:11)
- He **lays** down His life (John 10:11)

Nature of Sheep:

- Utterly **defenseless**, no weapons of **defense**
- Totally **dependent**
- Poor **eyesight**
- **Wander** off, get **lost**

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Developing and Discussion

1) List some of the current issues in your life that you need to discern God's will regarding.

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2) Identify and discuss the godly, wise friends or mentors you can consult for counsel when discerning God's leading.

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Discerning Truth in my Daily Life

Once you sense God might be leading you in a certain way, do these five things:

- Look for the **message** of the Spirit.
- Search the **model** of scripture for guidance.
- Live in the **mode** of prayer.
- Submit to the **ministry** of Eli.
- Expect the **mercy** of confirmation.

Focus on the Journey, not the destination.