Hearing from God

Week 4: Through the Holy Spirit

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Have you ever experienced a situation where you felt like a door was opening or closing in your life? What was that experience like for you?

GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

READ:

Acts 16:6-10

DISCUSS:

- Given the teaching on the video, how would you apply this Acts 16 passage to your life to test whether an open or closed door is God speaking to you.
- How do you differentiate between God's will and your own desires when facing a decision about whether to pursue an opportunity or let it go?
- What role do prayer and fasting play in discerning God's leading? Have you ever tried fasting and praying when making a big decision?
- Write down an area of your life where you currently need God's leading or where you are
 asking him permission to move forward. Share that with the group. As a group, choose one
 meal to fast and pray this week.

PRAYER:

Go around the room and ask individuals where they need God to open or close a door. Pray for those situations that God would give clarity through opportunity by using the D.S.A model we learned. **Declare who God is. Surrender our will to his will. Then make our asks for wisdom and clarity.**

SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians 16:9, "There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me."

Matthew 7:7–8, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 12:35–36, ""Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,36like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him."

Acts 14:27, "Upon arriving in Antioch, they called the church together and reported everything God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles, too."

2 Corinthians 2:12, "When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me."

Revelation 3:20–21, "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

John 10:9, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."