

Group Discussion Guide: How to Listen to the Holy Spirit?

- 1) What caught your attention in the video?
- 2) Has God ever answered your prayers? Share more. Were you listening for God's answer? How were you listening? How was God speaking?
- 3) Did the analogy of Spirit to Wind help you consider new ways that God might be speaking to you? How?
- 4) Do you have a mountaintop or pit experience you'd like to share in which God spoke to you? Or God seemed silent and absent from you?
- 5) Spiritual disciplines are ways in which we can dig into God's presence and promises. One discipline, daily Bible reading was mentioned as helping one better listen for and to God's Spirit. Why do you think that would be true? Has that been your experience?
- 6) Challenge: Talk with peers and elders to learn what helps them listen to the Spirit of God as part of their prayer life. Consider adopting one or two of the discovered tools or tips. If you commit to something as a group, you can check in with one another to see how things are going. If something isn't working, perhaps it's time to try another tool or tip?
- 7) Bible Time – What catches your attention?
 - a. Ephesians 2:18 (CEV) - And because of Christ, all of us can come to the Father by the same Spirit.
 - b. John 14:26 (CEV) - But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.
 - c. Romans 8:26-27 (CEV) - 26 In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. 27 All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people.
 - d. Philippians 4:6-7 (CEV) - Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. 7 Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.