

## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE COURSE TEN

# HOW DOES GOD SPEAK?

### How to Use This Guide

This self-study guide is a companion document to the video course “How does God speak to us?” This guide will help you to gain deeper insight into hearing the voice of God. This course is a part of a series to help you hear the voice of God. At the end of this series you will learn how to pray, how to tell the difference between your voice, the voice of God and the voice of the enemy, how to hear the voice of God, the different ways in which God speaks, hinderances in hearing His voice and how you can maintain and grow in hearing from Him.

Each Glory to Glory Study guide is organized around five areas of learning:

1. **Synopsis of Key Learning** - The synopsis will provide summaries of key points from the video that are important for you to understand and serve as foundational knowledge for the next course in the learning series.
2. **Important Vocabulary and Concepts** - This study guide will provide explanation of important words or ideas that are critical to understanding biblical truth.
3. **Deeper Learning** - The more you know and understand about who God is and how He works, the deeper in love you fall. God wants to have a deep and abiding relationship with you. He desires for you to know Him. This section of guide will give you additional insights into the teaching from the video for you to study on your own. If you have questions, there will be mentoring moments in the online school for you to get your questions answered.
4. **Life Application** - God calls for us to not just be a hearer of His word, but a doer also. (James 1:22). This means that God expects for us to apply what we learn about Him in our everyday lives. This section of the study is to help you think about the ways to apply what you learn from the course to your everyday life.
5. **Memory Scriptures** - Scriptures that support key concepts in the course will be highlighted. We encourage you to memorize these scriptures by meditating on them until they are hidden in your heart. When you hide God's word in your heart, it makes it hard for the enemy to deceive you. In this way, you are less likely to sin against God. (Psalm 119:11)

### Introduction to Course Ten

How does God speak to us? Is it audibly and Is this a gift given to some and not to others? In this course you will find out the different ways in which God speaks. The video will point

to some ways and this study guide will reveal others. It is important to know that God is multifaceted and as such so is His voice.

### **Beginning with Spiritual Warfare**

#### **Synopsis**

God speaks to us through our 5 senses. The same senses that are in the natural realm are also in the spiritual realm. Sight, sound, touch, taste, smell.

When we have dreams and visions this is being seen through our spiritual eyes. Dreams and visions also point to the fact that God can also speak to us when we are asleep as well as when we are awake.

The truth is the best time to hear God is very early in the morning. Generally, at this time our mind is at rest and we haven't yet started thinking about our day. We tend to be much clearer in our thoughts and God can get a message to us with clarity. (Mark 1:35)

Because God is communicating through our spiritual senses, He can speak to us without using a word. Our senses will communicate what He is saying.

The different way in which He communicates then becomes layered with the sense that He uses to speak to us. For example, Dreams is one way and that is layered with the sense of seeing.

Smelling in the spirit can communicate the type of spirit that is present. As we grow in God we will begin to receive even more spiritual gifts. In the course on Stewarding the voice of God you will learn more about how to grow in hearing.

<p><b>Key Vocabulary/ Concepts</b></p>	<p><b>Seeking God – Jeremiah 29:13</b> “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”</p> <p>Generally, when we are seeking something we are looking for it. Again, we see the spiritual sense of eyes comes into play when seeking God. But the scriptures further tell us how we look for Him. We look with all of our heart. So then we can see with our heart.</p> <p>When you pray, you are looking for God. And when you mean the prayer from your heart, you will find Him.</p> <p>When you find Him, you will hear Him.</p>
<p><b>Deeper Learning</b></p>	<p><b>The different ways in which God speaks</b></p> <p>The video shared only a few ways in which God speaks. There are many other ways such as through dreams and vision, through other people, through street signs and sometimes through what we like to call coincidences. There are no coincidences.</p> <p>In the video the story about Bud was shared but look at it from Bud’s perspective. Bud asked God to show him how He could help these poor suffering people. Five minutes later the answer was standing in his empty restaurant. Did God speak to him? Yes! It wasn’t audibly, it wasn’t through the bible, it wasn’t through a dream or a vision. No, it came through a stranger who shouldn’t have been in his restaurant at that time.</p> <p>Bud could’ve said it was a coincidence. Bud could’ve also said the “ask for 500 people” was too big but He didn’t. He recognized the voice of God in the scenario and responded in the correct way. With obedience.</p> <p>Therefore, God used one scenario and spoke to two different people through it.</p>
<p><b>Life Application</b></p>	<p><b>Do you want to hear God speak? – Ask, Seek &amp; Knock – (Matthew 7:7-11)</b> Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how</p>

	to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
<b>Memory Scriptures</b>	<b>Jeremiah 33:3</b> 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'
<b>Prayer</b>	
<p>Holy Spirit,</p> <p>I am asking you now to activate my spiritual senses so that I will be able to see, hear, smell, taste and feel the Presence and Voice of God. I thank You that in asking, seeking and knocking this door will be opened to me. I thank You that I will be able to hear God speak clearly and not only once but every single day. Thank You for leaving us the gift of the bible as a starting point to accessing Your voice, in Jesus name.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	