

February 2019 Champions Discussion Guide

Care

- Share any testimonies or victories from your groups.
- Have you experienced any challenges in your group?
- Is your “Above The Noise” Small Group going as you envisioned it? Why or Why not?

Communicate

Celebrate – there are over 11,000 people in 1,054 Small Groups across the Gulf Coast Region this Community Series!

Leadership Podcast // Text PODCAST to 25827 to get it sent to you each Monday morning.

Upcoming Events:

March 10 // Spring Session of Small Groups Begins

- Financial Peace University is a core curriculum your group can do this Spring. Dave Ramsey’s 9-week updated study will give you the biblical principles to manage money God’s way.

March 19 // Tues at 7:00pm in LCC Worship Center //Men’s Night with Kenny Luck

- Dangerous Good groups begin March 25. This 5-week study by Kenny Luck is will equip you to confront and transform the moral climate with our dangerous good God and his growing army of men who care.

April 9 // Tues at 7:00pm in LCC Worship Center //Women’s Night with Lisa Harper

- JOB Study groups begin March 10. This 7-week study by Lisa Harper will help you discover the redemptive side to Job’s story of suffering. Learn to use pain to strengthen your faith and point others to the gospel. It’s a story of unlikely joy.

Coach

This month’s discussion is about, *“Hearing and Leading through the Holy Spirit”*.

As you know, we offer a Community series small group at the beginning of each year primarily for 2 reasons:

1. To Reach more People and Build more Lives in our church and community.
2. To grow together, as leaders and to apply the principles we are learning in our life as a leader.

According to 1 Timothy 3:1 (MSG) God wants us to know that the desire to lead is from God. It states, *“If anyone wants to provide leadership in the church, **good!**”* Therefore, our desire to lead others is a good thing given to us by God and If our desire to lead is from God, then you can know God will give you what you need to make a difference in the lives of the people you lead.

As a leader, have you wrestled with intimidating thoughts from the enemy that would suggest you are NOT qualified to lead? For instance, some of the lies, the enemy suggests you should believe are:

How can I really make a difference?
Why would anyone want to follow me?
If they knew my faults they'd never follow me!

If you've had these thoughts, you are not alone and there is a solution to overcoming these lies of the enemy. It is hearing God through His Holy Spirit!

As leaders, this is such an important principle to learn because it helps us to step into a posture of dependence on the Holy Spirit to help us make a difference in people's lives. John 14:26 and 15:26 both tell us that the Holy Spirit is our helper. Therefore, we don't have to rely on our own abilities and strength to lead others well, but we can trust that God will speak through His Holy Spirit to us to help us make a difference.

There are 2 principles we must know if we want the Holy Spirit to speak to us as leaders so that we can make a difference in the lives of the people we lead.

1) "I can't but He can"

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you". Acts 1:8

- On our own, we can only have a limited impact, but with the power of the Holy Spirit working through us, we can make a big difference!

2) "He will use me"

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us". 2 Corinthians 4:7

- We are simply human beings, but with the power of God in us, He will use us to make a difference in the lives of people

When you begin to pray for the people you lead in your family, work, small group and dream team, begin to commit these thoughts to the Holy Spirit and trust that you will hear God.

For more information on "Hearing God", or to share with your team, you can [CLICK HERE](#) or go to cotkleaders.com to listen to the entire series of Podcast.

Discussion Questions:

- Talk about a time that you experienced God speaking to you? What was the outcome? How did it make you feel?
- What is ONE thing, you can do to hear God better?
- What is the ONE thing you are praying for and believing for in your small group?

Action Steps:

1. Pray daily for the people in your small group!
2. Connect with ONE member in your small group and encourage each other to commit to hearing God through the Holy Spirit in 2019.

Prayer

Allow time for prayer requests.