



NEW CROSSING CHURCH

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Prayer Series: Upward. Inward. Outward.

Study 4: Hindrances, Barriers & Promises

Note: You can listen to or watch the sermon of the same title, Sarah Newby, Feb 6, 2022

Through the removal of hindrances and barriers in hearing God's voice, we can experience a life giving, abundant, communion with God.

Personal Journal time - (can write in answers on the second page asking God these questions and writing down what you sense God is communicating to you).

Group Discussion Questions

Group Prayer Time

Hindrances:

Busyness - Luke 10:38-42

Journal Question: Where am I being distracted? What takes up mental space that should be used to spend time with God, listening to His voice.

Discussion Question: Do you feel more like Mary or Martha these days? Are there places where you could use more peace in your life?

Warfare - John 10:10

Journal Question: What are the patterns of warfare in my life? What "distractions" (warfare) do you commonly experience as you plan to spend time with God listening to His voice?

Discussion Question: Share what you discovered about any patterns that you might have in your life.

Comparison - James 1:16-17

Journal Question: Do I compare myself to others in how God speaks? How?

Discussion Question: How do you get free from comparison? Read Proverbs 28:13, James 5:16. Take some time to confess and pray for one another.

Barriers:

God doesn't speak to me - John 10:3-5, 16

Journal Question: Have you ever thought or said that you don't believe God speaks to you?

Discussion Question: Do you need to renounce anything from the question above? Saying it outloud can help break the lie.

Disobedience - Deuteronomy 28:1-6

Journal Question: Am I being disobedient in any way? Tell God you're sorry, and ask for another opportunity to obey.

Discussion Question: Have you ever been disobedient to God? Share how it affected your communion with God?

Unforgiveness - Matthew 6:14-15

Journal Question: Is there anyone I need to forgive? What does the Lord want you to know about the situation?

Discussion Question: How was your experience with the question above?

Journal Question: Where am I being distracted?

Journal Question: What are the patterns of warfare in my life?

Journal Question: Do I compare myself to others? How?

Journal Question: Have you ever thought or said that you don't believe God speaks to you?

Journal Question: Am I being disobedient in any way? Tell God you're sorry, and ask for another opportunity to obey.

Journal Question: Is there anyone I need to forgive? What does the Lord want you to know about the situation?

Take some time to pray as a group at the end.