

Instructions:

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pick 3-5 questions to discuss that pertain to your group's unique style and needs.



Series: The Voice

Our world is a noisy place, with many voices vying for our time and attention. Yet God has given his spirit of wisdom for guidance, comfort, and power. Throughout scripture, this Spirit is described as a hovering cloud, tongues of fire, wind, and also as a voice. How can we hear this voice over all the rest? How do we know if it is really the Holy Spirit? And how can we tap into its power available to us to continue the mission of Jesus in the world?

Join us for a 3-week series on the Holy Spirit and how to listen, experience, and engage the Spirit today.

Message description:

We live in a world that is busy, congested, and noisy. Where is there room for God in the noise? Do we expect God to communicate with us in big dramatic ways? And if so, does that expectation keep us from being able to recognize when God is in fact trying to "whisper" to us? Elijah's story from 1 Kings 19 offers us a clear example of how God can look for us in the calm and offer up that "still, small voice" for us to hear.

Key Scripture

1 Kings 19:9-18

Questions Related to This Week's Message:

1. Read 1 Kings 19:1-8 for more of Elijah's story. In what context does God speak to Elijah? What did he fear in this moment?
2. Now read 1 Kings 19:9-18. In what ways did God *not* show up for Elijah? Did this surprise you or no?
3. In what ways do we often expect to experience God?
4. Do you believe God wants to speak to you today?
5. What keeps you from hearing God's voice or direction today?

Please be intentional about praying together!

Consider joining us as a house group for one of our Thursday nights of prayer and worship throughout Lent.



Starting February 1 at 7pm, the pastoral team will meet in the lower level at MUMC (enter building A their main sanctuary building) for an intentional time of prayer and worship as we seek God's presence and guidance in this season.

Let us not underestimate the power of our community coming together in an hour of need to pray!

Close in prayer:

Pray together. Create intentional time and space to offer prayers for one another, that we might share in the comfort of Christ together and experience the Spirit's presence.

Consider the simple acronym of ACTS to guide your time of prayer together:

- A- Adoration.** *Share praise reports or reasons to praise God. (Reading a psalm together can help)*
- C- Confession.** *Leave space to pray silently or individually to confess sins.*
- T- Thanksgiving.** *Share something in the group that you are thankful for this week.*
- S- Supplication, or petition.** *Share concerns and prayer requests you have.*