

Facilitation Guide





#### Introduction to WOW! with Friends

"WOW!" is short for Women of Witness. "WOW! with Friends" is designed as a small group gathering, with the aim of hosting believing and/or pre-believing friends and families, for a time of fellowship. It also serves as an invitation to build and encourage each other as we come together. You may host these gatherings in your homes or any preferred conducive venue.

Our desire is to empower you to become an effective witness where you are, and this package has been designed to assist you to host your friends. It will include:

- Online sermonette
- Facilitation guide
- E-Salvation guide for you to lead your friend(s) to salvation in Jesus Christ.
- E-Hosting Kit which includes a downloadable DIY Photo booth props, posters, and personalized e-invites.

We will love to stay connected with you and to keep you and your small group in prayer, so do let us know where and when you will be hosting WOW! with Friends.

WOW! With Friends Guest Access - Connect with us here!

Password: hiswitness

Let us be inspired, equipped and empowered to become effective witnesses for Jesus!



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### **Format of Facilitation Guide**

1. Introduction & Focus points	Facilitator can introduce "WOW! with Friends" and share the focus points with the group.
2. Watch Video Sermonette	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
3. Key Scripture & Elaboration	Use the notes and scripture references to elaborate on the focus points in the Facilitation Guide to help with the learning experience of the group. The facilitator is encouraged to share her personal stories and testimonies as well.
4. Discussion Questions	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
5. Challenge	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
6. Closing & Prayer	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.



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**Speaker: Pastor Daphne Yang** 

Sermonette: Hearing and Discerning the Voice of God

**Introduction** 

Hearing the voice of God is one of the most important aspects of the Christian life. Within each of us, exists the innate ability to hear the voice of God. The Bible says that we live not on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from His mouth. The voice of God is the very source we are to live from.

Revelation 3:20 says "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." The Lord is knocking at the doors of our hearts, He desires for us to respond to His call for intimacy and to be the prepared Bride who is without blemish or wrinkle. As the return of the Lord draws closer each day, the need for spiritual discernment among Christians will be of the utmost importance.

Discernment is the ability to perceive, understand and judge things clearly. Charles Spurgeon wrote "Discernment is not the ability to tell the difference between right and wrong; rather, it is telling the difference between right and almost right." Hebrews 4:12 says "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." As we mature in our relationship with God and His living word we will be attuned to discern His voice and know His will.

<sup>19</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. - John 5:19

Like Jesus, we must live in the place of dependence to discern the heart of the Father. God's voice is active today, when we learn to rightly discern His voice it enables us to operate fully in the gifts God has given to us for His glory!

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### **Focus Points**

- 1. To be tuned in to Jesus.
- 2. God has good plans for us.
- 3. A place of Protection and Power.

### Watch Video Sermonette



Click here to watch video sermonette







### **Key Scripture & Elaboration**

- <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
  - John 10:27 (NKJV)
- Jesus says "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own." It is wonderful to know that Jesus knows us, He knows our needs, strengths, weakness and He communicates with us on a personal level. Our Good Shepherd trains us to repeatedly hear His voice to discern and separate the noises of the world from His voice.
- In the atmosphere that surrounds us, there are numerous frequencies of airwaves constantly in motion. To establish a connection with a specific frequency, we must precisely finetune our instrument to receive it.
- God is like the master tuning fork and His church is like a symphony. When we
  are in tune, we will make beautiful music together. Likewise, we have to be
  tuned in to Jesus to receive and hear His voice.
- The voice of God carries the weight of authority within, and expresses a spirit
  of peace, confidence, joy, reasonableness, and goodwill. He will never speak
  to us about something that goes against His nature or character.
- 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13 (NKJV)
- When we are born-again, we are made new by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and our senses are now sensitized to His leading, guiding us into all truth.

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- <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. - Romans 12:2 (NKJV)
- The renewal of our minds happens when we start reading and meditating on the Word of God daily. This allows us to draw closer to God and enjoy ongoing conversations with Him. He often uses those conversations to transform us into the person He wants us to become.
- 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)
- God has good plans for us. Even in times of suffering, He will trade our ashes for beauty. God's voice will provide direction and define hope for us in desperate times. His voice helps us to live godly and pleasing lives that will honor Him and bless others.
- When we actively seek to hear and obey God's voice, we open ourselves to divine guidance which leads us to a place of protection and power.
- God's voice is like a shield against harm. Just as a shepherd protects his sheep from danger, His voice steers us away from pitfalls and directs us towards His intended path for us.
- This protection extends to both physical and spiritual dangers, helping to keep us safe and secure.
- David was saved many times from the assassination attempts by Saul. But because David listened to God, God spared his life and raised him up as king.



<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

- Psalm 23:1-4 (NKJV)

- Psalm 23 tells us that God leads us to quiet waters and restores our souls. It
  gives us a sense of deep satisfaction knowing that we are in His will for our
  lives. We can achieve a level of success and favour that are not attained by
  our own strength or efforts as we see in the lives of Joshua and Joseph.
- We have the privilege of participating in God's Kingdom on Earth, witnessing miracles, and seeing people embrace Jesus. However, the most profound reward of hearing God's voice is the opportunity to deepen our understanding of Him continually.
- God's voice is often described as a "still, small voice," a gentle and subtle
  prompting that encourages those whom He loves to maintain a close and
  intimate walk with Him throughout their lives.
- This subtle communication challenges us to become more spiritually aware, to listen carefully, and to discern His direction amidst the noise and distractions of life.
- His voice has guided His people throughout history, and He can teach us a lot on our journey with Him!



### **Discussion Questions**

- Share about ways in which you have heard God's voice through meditation in the Word, prayer, worship, from personal encouragements, through reading, and in any other ways.
- 2. Describe a time when God clearly communicated with you. Recall what He said, the means He used, and how you responded to Him?

### **Challenge**

- 1. Start a bible reading plan with a group of friends, share your insights and encourage each other.
- 2. Begin your day by waiting on the Lord, actively listening to Him and journaling your thoughts and impressions.

#### Closing

God is continually inviting us to draw near to Him. The more you approach Him, the more you will get to know Him, trust Him, and recognize His voice. As we surrender ourselves to Him, we are allowing Him to mould us into the image of Christ. Let us trust in His perfect plan for our lives, even when it does not make sense to us. It is a reminder that our hope is not in this world, but in the eternal promises of God.

#### **Prayer**

- 1. Pray Romans 12:2 over one another.
  - <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- 2. Pray for one another to grow in hearing and discerning the voice of God.