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Facilitation Guide



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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.

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





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 Sandra Westerdahl

Sermonette: The Leading of the Holy Spirit

Introduction

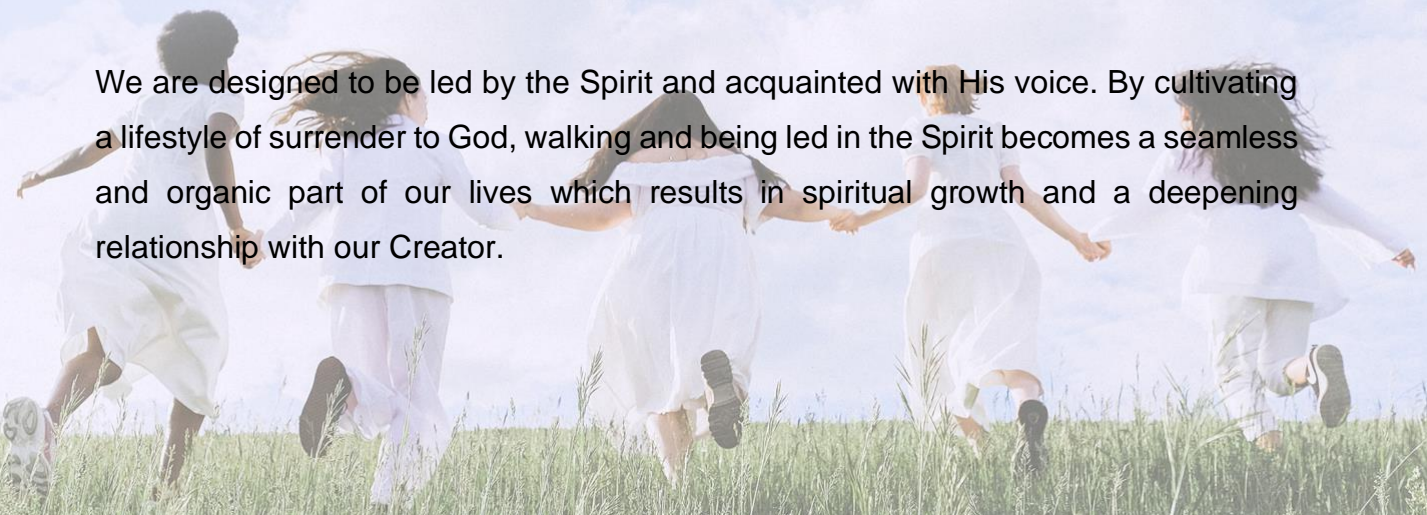
¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. – 2 Corinthians 13:14

2 Corinthians 13:14 reveals the three persons of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a person, and He yearns to have communion with us to share His deepest feelings and desires. The Holy Spirit operates in perfect unison and harmony with God the Father and God the Son, empowering believers to live in accordance with God's divine will and glorify Him in all aspects of life.

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

In John 16:13, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of truth" who would guide us into all truth. Through the Holy Spirit's illumination, we can gain knowledge and understanding of God's Word, enabling us to live a sanctified life. The primary role of a teacher is to steer and lead learners towards acquiring new knowledge. Likewise, one of the primary ministry of the Holy Spirit is to be a teacher. And He is a good teacher because He is constantly searching the archives of God.

We are designed to be led by the Spirit and acquainted with His voice. By cultivating a lifestyle of surrender to God, walking and being led in the Spirit becomes a seamless and organic part of our lives which results in spiritual growth and a deepening relationship with our Creator.




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Focus Points

1. Hearing the Voice of God.
2. Leading of The Holy Spirit.

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Key Scripture & Elaboration

1. Hearing the Voice of God

- In the Old Testament, God's communication with people was often external, where they heard His voice from outside of themselves. However, Jesus promised believers something greater - a more intimate connection and personal communication with Him through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- In John 10:27, Jesus says that "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." As believers of Christ, we all have the capability to hear the voice of God, He communicates with us in various ways and the main source of hearing the voice of God is through His Word. God's living Word is a never-ending well of refreshment.
- *¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
– Romans 10:17
- *¹² 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. - Hebrews 4:12*
- When God speaks to us, it is essential to recognize His voice. However, this has been a challenge throughout history. In the Old Testament, when God called Samuel, he mistook God's voice for Eli's voice, highlighting the importance in recognizing the voice of God. (1 Samuel 3:1-19)
- Discerning God's voice is essential as there are multitude of voices and distractions vying for our attention. We need to maintain a posture of listening, be still and wait upon the Lord.



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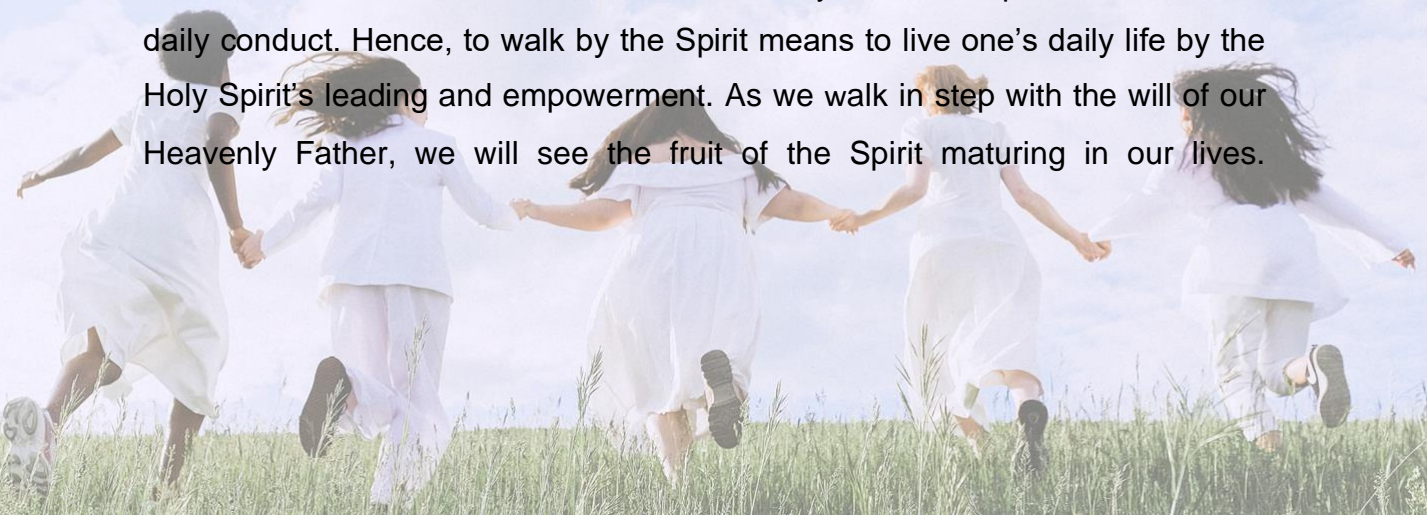
- We must be prepared to give a proper response when hearing the voice of God. It was only until Samuel said “Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears” that the Lord began to reveal His message to Samuel.
- When we choose to respond to God’s call, we are acknowledging Him and saying yes to the plans and purposes of God in our lives. Let us train our spiritual ears to recognize His voice and be quick to respond in obedience and faith.
- One of the ways God speaks to His Church is through the gentle prompting of the Holy Spirit in the form of a still small voice in our hearts. (1 King 19:11-14) Elijah recognized and responded to God’s still small voice in the midst of many sounds around him.
- Hearing God requires actively pursuing a relationship with Him. As we actively progress in our relationship with Jesus, we will grow in maturity. The different experiences in our journey with Christ equip us to be more adept at recognizing His voice.





2. Leading of The Holy Spirit

- *14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." - Romans 8:14-15*
- Romans 8:14-15, beautifully illustrates our relationship with God as His beloved children. It highlights the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers to overcome fear and sin.
- The word 'led' indicates that we should continuously surrender and yield ourselves to the desires of the Holy Spirit, whose leading is always completely opposite to the desires of our sinful flesh.
- When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive the Holy Spirit, who comes to reside within us. Through the Holy Spirit's guidance, we are led on a path of righteousness, obedience, and love.
- The Apostle Paul emphasises the remarkable truth that we are no longer bound by fear, for we are adopted into God's family as His sons and daughters. This adoption is a privilege that grants us intimacy with our heavenly Father. "Abba, Father" denotes a deep, affectionate, and personal relationship between a child and his father. Through the Holy Spirit, we can now approach God with the same intimacy and trust as a child approaches his father.
- In Galatians 5:16, Paul says "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." The word 'walk' is commonly used in Scripture to refer one's daily conduct. Hence, to walk by the Spirit means to live one's daily life by the Holy Spirit's leading and empowerment. As we walk in step with the will of our Heavenly Father, we will see the fruit of the Spirit maturing in our lives.



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Discussion Questions

1. How does the Holy Spirit usually speak to you?
2. Share a testimony of how you have been led by the Holy Spirit to do something that is beyond your own wisdom or strength.

Challenge

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for a word of knowledge to bless a friend or family member.
2. Share your encounter with the Holy Spirit with someone this week.

Closing

To hear and be led by the Holy Spirit is a continuous learning journey for every Christian. Regardless of how long we have been a Christian, we are all constantly learning to be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. It takes a lifetime to walk in the Holy Spirit, but the rewards are worth so much more than anything in this world.

Prayer

1. Pray for a greater sensitivity to the voice and leading of the Holy Spirit.
2. Pray for boldness to obey the Holy Spirit when He nudges us to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone.

