

## **Led by the Spirit - week 4**

### **January 25, 2026**

As you participate, remember that this is a space to listen, reflect, and grow together. There is no pressure to have the "right" answers. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide both the conversation and your heart.

#### **Open up together:**

- Do you like rollercoasters? Do you have a favorite?
- When you think about prayer, do you naturally think of talking to God or listening to God? Why do you think that is?
- Tell about a time you had to step into something without having the full picture. What helped you move forward, or what held you back?
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#### **Read the following scriptures aloud together:**

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you...So Abram went, as the LORD had told him..."  
Genesis 12:1&4

"By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people."  
Exodus 13:21-22

*"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..."*  
Acts 15:28

*"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said..."*  
Acts 13:2-3.

*"After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us..."*  
Acts 16:10

## **Reflect & Share:**

Use a few of these questions to guide discussion:

God tells Abram to go without giving details. What stands out to you about Abram's response?

- Abram moves based on a voice, not a plan. What's the difference between trusting a plan and trusting a person?
- The message said, *"Listening begins with encounter, not explanation."* What do you think that means in real life?
- In Acts, the early church makes decisions by saying, *"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..."* What do you notice about how they discern together instead of acting alone?
- The church in Acts listens before moving. What usually comes first for you: action, analysis, or listening? Why?
- The message said, *"We're not an answers church, we're a listening church."* What might be the difference between those two kinds of communities?
- Listening to God often requires slowing down and making space. What makes that hard in your current season of life?

## **Pray Together:**

Spend a few quiet moments asking God to make you more aware of His presence. Pray for a heart that is willing to listen before rushing to fix, decide, or speak. Ask for the courage to trust Him even when you don't have the full picture.

## **Personal Invitation:**

### **Practice one small act of listening prayer this week.**

Set a timer for 5 minutes. Sit quietly, breathe slowly, and simply say, *"Speak, Lord. I'm listening."*

Notice what comes to mind – a scripture, a person, a nudge, or simply peace – and write it down.