ABOVE THE NOISE

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Recognising God's Voice

START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

• Is there someone in your life whose voice you would instantly recognise if they called out in a crowd? Anyone famous whose voice you would instantly recognise?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking. Read these scriptures out loud:

Proverbs 3:5 - 6 (The Msg); 1 John 4:1

There can be occasions when we've heard God speak but in all honesty we got it wrong. We don't like to think this way but even the Apostle Peter got it wrong and it happens. We shouldn't stop listening for God's voice but learn how to test it.

- Talk about a time when you heard God's voice and it didn't make sense or was just way off. What happened? How did you feel?
- Just as God speaks to you so does the devil. What do you think about that?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

There are four filters we can use to test the voice of God.

- 1. Does it line up with The Bible? (Luke 1:23)
- 2. Will it make me more like Christ? (Phil 2:5; 2 Cor 10:5)
- 3. Does Godly counsel agree? (Prov 19:20-21)
- 4. Do I have peace? (1 Cor 14:33; Phil 4:6-7)
- What stands out to you from these tests?
- Who would you say is good Godly counsel in your life?
- Are there any decisions your weighing up right now where one way will help you be more like Christ and another way which won't?
- Can you tell of a situation where you felt the peace of the Holy Spirit after a decision was made?

KEEP MOVING/GOING - Commit to a step and live it out this week.

This week what way's can you:

- Tune into God everyday?
- Tune out of things that oppose God?
- Take next steps towards what God has spoken?

Pray for one another this week

KEEP PRAYING

• Pray together and take some time to ask the Holy Spirit to speak into the situations and circumstances of one another's life.