



Introduction to the Prophetic



**What comes to mind
when you hear the
word Prophecy?**

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.”

John 10

“Eagerly desire the gifts of the spirit,
especially prophecy.”

1 Corinthians 14:1

How does God speak?

1. Bible

“All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16

“Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

“Open my eyes that I may see the
wonderful things in your law.”

Psalm 119:8

How does God speak?

1. Bible
2. Hearing

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.”

John 10

“And after the earthquake came the fire. And after the fire came a gently whisper.”

1 Kings 19



“But the advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

John 14:26

How does God speak?

1. Bible
2. Hearing
3. Seeing

“Open his eyes Lord, so that he may see. The Lord opened the servants eyes and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

2 Kings 6:17

How does God speak?

1. Bible
2. Hearing
3. Seeing
4. Sensing

“Who gives intuition to the heart and
instinct to the mind.”

Job 36:38

“Anna a prophetess...Anna was there when Mary and Joseph came to the Temple. She praised God and talked about Jesus to all those who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.”

How does God speak?

1. Bible
2. Hearing
3. Seeing
4. Sensing
5. Dreaming

“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

“Get up” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt.”

Mathew 2:13

“And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your youngs men will see visions.”

Joel 2:28

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.”

1 John 4:1

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So as we think about the 5 ways that God speaks, which is the way that you hear God speak?



Listening Exercise

Hearing God is about whose you are not
who you are.



What makes your heart sing? What helps you hear God speak?

Tuning out the other “voices.”

1. The voice of fear - what if I get it wrong
2. The voice of unbelief - I can't hear God speak
3. The voice of rationalism - rationalising everything
4. The voice of shame - I'm not good enough



**Which voice do you
recognise in your life?**

Ephesians 4:1-16

- A summary book (A quick guide!)
- Much more than unity (NIV heading!)
 - Unity (1-6)
 - Diversity (7-11)
 - Maturity (12-16)

Ephesians 4:1-16

- We have ALL been given this grace
- The Body of Christ

Prophets (along with pastors, teachers, evangelists and apostles) are essential for the maturity of the church

How prophets are wired

1. Prophets have a passion for the heart of God

How prophets are wired

2. They are conscious of the “gap”

How prophets are wired

3. Their primary impulse is to bridge the gap

How prophets are wired

4. They are wired to challenge the status quo

How prophets are wired

5. They are wired for worship and warfare

How prophets are wired

6. Prophets are enthusiasts for God,
carrying the message that he is closer than
we think

How prophets are wired

7. They are hot wired for transformation

How prophets are wired

8. Prophets are wired as truth tellers

How prophets are wired

9. Prophets are naturally wired for revelation



Do you recognise any
these hallmarks in
yourself or in someone
else?

“One who prophecies speaks to people for their strength, encouragement and comfort.”

1 Corinthians 14:3

Hallmarks of a prophetic culture

1. Word and Spirit
2. Discipleship and Accountability

Hallmarks of a prophetic culture

3. Responding & Weighing

4. Community

Hallmarks of a prophetic culture

5. Rooted in the Fathers Love

Hallmarks of a prophetic culture

6. Expectancy

“Expectancy is the lifeblood of a move of the Spirit.” Graham Cooke

Hallmarks of a prophetic culture

7. Multiplication

8. Mission



How many of these hallmarks do you recognise in your community? Which one do you need to push into?



Listening Exercise



Q & A

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