

# Foundations for Prophetic Ministry

## **Prophecy is for the many, not the few**

1. The prophetic spirit: Numbers 11:14-29
2. The prophetic promise: Joel 2:28 / Acts 2:17
3. We should earnestly desire to prophesy: 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

## **The development of prophetic ministry**

1. Prophecy definitions
  - a. Hebrew: to flow forth, to bubble forth like a fountain, to spring forth
  - b. Greek: to speak for another; speaking for the mind and counsel of God
  - c. Modern: the ability to discern the revelation of God
2. Prophecy is an ongoing process of God's revelation
  - a. Acts 3:18-26
  - b. Luke 11:50-51
  - c. Jeremiah 28:8
  - d. Matthew 5:12; 22:30, 34-35
  - e. Luke 1:70; 6:23
  - f. Acts 2:17
  - g. Ephesians 4:8-13

## **The purpose of the prophetic**

1. The revelation of Jesus Christ
  - a. Revelation 19:10
  - b. Matthew 16:13-17
  - c. 1 Corinthians 12:3

2. Breaking down the barriers of personal defenses
  - a. John 1:35-51
  - b. John 4:7-26

**The purpose of the gift of prophecy in the church**

1. Edification: 1 Corinthians 14:3
2. Exhortation: 1 Corinthians 14:3
3. Consolation: 1 Corinthians 14:3
4. To convict and convince: 1 Corinthians 14:24-25
5. For instruction and learning: 1 Corinthians 14:31
6. Gift impartation: 1 Timothy 4:14
7. Strengthening spiritual resolve and faith: 1 Timothy 1:18-19

**Hearing the voice of God**

1. Three ways of hearing God speak

Arena	Avenue	Activity
Mind	Instruction	The Word
Heart	Illumination	Prayer
Spirit	Infusion	Spiritual gifts and encounters

2. Characteristics

Mind	Cognitive	Learning	Grasping	Applying
Heart	Personal	Sensing	Integrating	Yielding
Spirit	Otherly	Intuitive	Spontaneous	Revelatory

# Preparing to Hear God's Voice

**James 1:21-26**

**Psalm 27:4-8**

## Mind Heart Spirit

Repentant heart

Humble spirit

Ready will

Right approach

Worship

Meditation

Prayer

Seeking

**Jeremiah 29:13**

Asking

**Luke 11:9-13**

Desiring

**1 Corinthians 12:31**

Obeying

**John 7:17**

Risking

**2 Timothy 1:6-7**

Releasing

**Acts 10:9-16, 28**

Expecting

**Matthew 13:58**