

**Look Back:**

- What did you learn by committing to asking God for guidance, rather than results in your prayers over the last week?

**Look Up:****Read : 2 Peter 1:16-21**

- How did Peter hear God in verses 16 - 18? What was God's message and why do you think God chose to communicate with Jesus' closest disciples this way?
- What guidance is implied in God's message in verse 17? How did Peter apply this guidance? What does it mean for you personally?
- Put verse 19 into your own words. How does Peter say that the words of the prophets compare to hearing the audible voice of God? What does this mean for people who follow Jesus today?
- What does Peter say was the role of the Holy Spirit? Why is this significant?

**Read : 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

- How does Paul describe the wisdom of God in verses 6 - 9? What type of "wisdom" is most common today? Why?
- How do most people respond to things that are hidden or not clear? Why do you think God uses this approach?
- What do verses 10 - 16 say is the key to being guided by God? How many different ways does Paul say that the Spirit works in these verses?
- How might these verses help you in your daily life? How might they impact what and how you communicate with those around you who do not follow Jesus?

**Overall (Discovery Bible Study)**

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

**Look Ahead:**

Pray to give God permission to influence every emotion and every thought. Ask God to give you His Spirit so that you will have to have "ears to hear" as you search for God's truth to direct your path..

**Group Leader Note**

It is important to understand the authors and context of these passages. Peter was one of Jesus' closest disciples and was chosen to hear God's personal message about Jesus on a mountaintop (see Matt 17:1-6, Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36). Paul was a Jew who studied the prophets in the Old Testament of the Bible. Remind group members that the whole Bible is our map and the Spirit is our guide