

Prayer: The Heartbeat of Faith

<u>Life Group Material</u> Praying and Hearing w/b 14th September 2025

(Feel free to choose questions as appropriate for your group)

Starter:

Prayer is about communicating with God. Talking to God and listening too.

- 1. Apart from face to face, what do you use most to communicate with other people? (e.g., phone call, video call, email, text, voice note, letter etc.) What method of communication do you prefer and why?
- 2. How do you like to pray? (e.g., out loud, in your head, through writing, alone, with others etc)

Read 1 Kings 19:11-13 (you might like to extend this passage for extra context)

- 1. What strikes you/ jumps out at you from these verses today?
- 2. Why did Elijah need to hear God at this point in his life?
- 3. What might this passage have to say to us about hearing God? What is surprising in this encounter?

Read John 10:27 (again, you might like to extend this passage for extra context)

4. What strikes you/ jumps out at you from this verse today?

- **5.** Why do you think the sheep need to hear Jesus' voice?
- 6. What might this passage have to say to us about hearing God?

Prayer and us:

- 7. Have you experienced hearing God what was that like? What impact did it have on your life?
- 8. Hearing God isn't often an audible voice. What are some different ways we can 'hear God'?
- 9. How can we know / be sure that we are hearing God's voice?
- 10. How can we grow in listening to God do you think?

(As a group, you might like to spend some time at the end listening to God and sharing anything you sense with each other. If you would like Emily to come to a session at some point and facilitate that, just ask (3)