BEACH CHAPEL PROPHETIC MINISTRY
Intro to Prophecy

HEARING GOD:

In the New Covenant everyone can have a relationship with God and everyone can hear his voice. .“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me (John 10:27)

He wants to communicate. He is always speaking, he has always been speaking. It’s not a matter of proximity , it’s a matter of awareness. Hearing God always starts with INTIMACY, spending time with Him. The more you spend time with him you learn how he communicates with you and you build friendship with him.

Here are some ways you can grow in intimacy with God:

- Start talking to God about everything, ask questions and wait for an answer (first thought that crosses your mind, don’t overthink)
- Meditate on scripture
- Worship
- Journal, write down your thoughts, and let him speak back to you.

NEW COVENANT PROPHECY

Not only can we all hear his voice, we can also be his mouthpiece to prophesy. Prophecy in Greek is the word *propheteia* which means speaking forth. We get to speak forth what we hear him say. We get to be his mouthpiece!

Jesus is always at the center when we prophesy. When we prophesy we recalibrate a person or a group back to the way, the truth, the life, back to Jesus, back to love.

We prophecy through a New Covenant lens - Meaning: Love is our foundation

Under the old covenant only certain people could prophesy. That was not God’s intention. He wanted a relationship with all of Israel, but they were so scared at Mount Sinai when they saw the thunder and lightning, that they refused that relationship and

chose Moses to be their spokesperson. Because of their slavery in Egypt, they couldn't believe in a redemptive God, a kind God. Jesus changed all that when he installed the new covenant!

What you believe about God influences how we hear and how we prophecy. We always prophecy through the lens of the covenant we are in. Again: at Beach Chapel we prophesy through a new covenant lens - meaning Love is our foundation, and everyone can have a relationship with God.

John 13:34-35 TPT "So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you."

When you understand what living in the New Covenant means, you can become fully free to be yourself, realizing who you are, whose you are, and what your inheritance is as a child of God.

Here are some NC boulders that are crucial to understanding the New Covenant, your relationship with God, how you hear from him, and how you prophesy.

- God is good!
- He is a good Father and we are his sons and daughters.
- We live from Heaven to earth, as co-heirs with Christ seated with him in Heaven
- All authority has been given to us to expand the kingdom, heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons.
- Jesus completely fulfilled the law, it no longer applies to us. Romans 10:4 says. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." We are no longer under the Mosaic Covenant! In John 19:30 Jesus says It is finished. The Spanish translation says: Todo se ha cumplido: Everything is finished. The entire old testament is fulfilled in Christ!
- Jesus gave us one commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.
- Victorious Eschatology, meaning what we believe about the end times is that we have already won! Paul says in Colossians that Jesus made a public spectacle of the powers and authorities, triumphing over them by the cross. The battle has already been won and we are moving from glory to glory.
- We understand that we have the authority in Christ to rule and reign and bring the kingdom into the earth wherever we go! Christ in us the hope of glory.
- Jesus is returning to a victorious church, not one in need of rescuing.
- Heaven is here now! Jesus said: the kingdom of heaven is at hand! Heaven is all around us, Heaven is within us. You are an open Heaven.

- If we want to know what the Father is like we have but to look at Jesus. God is not some angry god that can't look at sin, God is like Jesus, a friend to everyone and the redeemer of everyone who believes in him.

New Covenant Prophecy: **always brings life—not death and judgment,** Goal: that they will feel loved!

The three main purposes of NC Prophecy are:

1 Encourage - greek: to build a house
2. Build Up/Strengthen - the idea of a person coming alongside to help another.
3. Comfort - reassure, console, affirm

Ever gotten a word of encouragement or comfort at the perfect time that helped you keep going and not give up? Or have you gotten a word that builds you up and confirms something inside you, something you feel called to do? It can actually catapult someone into their calling.

Again: We are speaking forth what God is saying, from His perspective. WE DON'T PROPHESY CORRECTION, WE PROPHECY THE FINISHED PRODUCT!
"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed."

We define people by the spirit—not by their mistakes. We don't get to air their dirty laundry, or point out their sin. Again, we see them through Heaven's perspective. REMEMBER: We want to communicate what He is saying—not our opinion, we don't read people. We always ask the Father to see what he sees. The voice of the Holy Spirit will always leave you feeling loved and encouraged. You can toss it if not.

Paul told Timothy to stir up the gifts within him. When you begin to practice and start taking risks, your prophetic gifting will start to grow. You will learn to trust his voice. Can you imagine what a world changing superpower this is available to use wherever you go? This is not just limited to the church, you can literally change the lives of family, friends, strangers. Are you ready to start?

THE WAYS GOD SPEAKS:

God is so very big and there are so many ways He speaks. He speaks to each and every one of us in a different way, too. He always speaks in a way that you can relate to. Remember, we all have the ability to hear the voice of God. God wants us to hear Him. He's not trying to trick us or hide from us. It's all about recognizing how He speaks to us individually.

1. Scripture: Our plumb line is always Scripture. God will never speak outside of His own character. He will not speak contrary to who He is, which is why it is SO important to understand who God is and what covenant we are in. For many people, Scripture is the main way they hear from God. Sometimes, people will hear God while reading Scripture—the written Word, the logos. Sometimes, people will hear the Rhema word: the "now" word of God that jumps out at you as you read the page. Scripture is alive, and anything that is alive is also interactive, AND we can use Scripture to prophecy and encourage one another as well.

ACTIVATION:
Read through Psalm 23 and ask God to highlight a verse to you. Ask God how He wants to encourage you through that verse. (Remember: focus on THE GOOD that God IS PRESENTLY DOING IN YOUR LIFE OR ABOUT TO DO)

2. Dreams: This is one of the most common ways to hear from God. Everyone dreams. Don't write off your dreams. Pay attention to them. Write them down. Ask for interpretation. If you don't know the interpretation, find people who can help you.

Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

3. Visions/Seeing: The Bible is full of stories of people having visions ANDseeing in the Spirit. With external or open visions, you see something playing out in front of you. You could be standing in the street, and it's like a movie is playing out. Then there are internal visions. These might look or feel like a slideshow going across your mind, or you'll see something in your imagination. Sometimes they happen so quickly, we often dismiss them or think they are just from ourselves. As with all ways of hearing God, we need to pay attention, and ask Him what He is showing you.

ACTIVATION:

Close your eyes, and ask God to show you something in your imagination that He wants to use to encourage you. Once you see the picture (remember don't fall into analysis paralysis, the first thing you see is perfect!) ask God how He wants to speak to you through the picture/vision..

4. Impressions: When driving, or just getting on with our normal day to day stuff, we can often receive impressions. You might think of a person and wonder how they are and think, "I should check in with them." Maybe you wake up in the morning and someone is on your mind or heart. That's the Father. He loves us so much, he will put people on our hearts and vice versa—usually to contact and encourage, or to pray for. Pay attention to them. Sometimes you might think of someone and that day bump into them. God is often prompting us, and at times giving us insight to who is coming into our path on particular days.

5. Trances: In Acts 10:10, Peter fell into a trance. Don't you wonder what that looked like? In trances God speaks to us very intimately usually about a very specific thing. It feels like you have been gone for hours and it's really just a few minutes.

6. Audible voice: Moses heard it. Paul heard it. Jesus heard it at His baptism. Lots of people have heard God's audible voice. A friend of Rachel Carroll's went for a job interview. When he left and got into his car, God spoke to him and audibly said, "The job's yours." When he got back home, he received a phone call: he got the job.

7. Hearing with the ears of your spirit / still small voice: In the Spirit, we have ears to hear just like in the natural. Revelation 2:29 says, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Since God is spirit, after we are born again, our spiritual ears are open to hear the voice of God. Our spiritual ears become like spiritual antennas that tune into the still small voice of God. As sons and daughters of God, hearing the voice of our Father becomes a part of our adoption into the family of God. "My sheep hear my voice".John 10:27

When you start hearing in the Spirit, (you are probably already hearing it, but might dismiss it as your own thoughts) it will often sound like your own internal dialogue, but remember: you have the mind of Christ and God can use your mind AND your sanctified imagination to speak. Practice dialoguing with the Holy Spirit using your spiritual ears, and you will learn to recognize His voice.

ACTIVATION:

Ask God to give you a word (or a sentence). Don't analyze it, it's whatever you hear first. Again, once you have the word, ask God to tell you how He wants to encourage you through that word.

8. Angels: God can use the angelic to speak to us and give us messages.The word Angel literally means messenger. Daniel, Mary, the shepherds,the disciples, Jesus—so many people in Scripture had angels minister to them. Sometimes you might have an angel come to you in a dream as a messenger, this is very normal, especially around important events that God wants to communicate to you about. We are surrounded by the Angelic and it is a normal part of the Christian life to expect encounters from these heavenly beings. Any encounter we have with the angelic should always draw us closer to Jesus, because they love Him and adore Him so much, and carry the presence of Heaven with them.

9. Creation: Romans 1:20 tells us: "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made…" There's nothing like walking through the woods and hearing the trees worship in the wind, or strolling the beach and watching the power of the ocean and its waves. When you walk in nature, it's impossible to not respond in worship to the Creator of creation. Next time you go out, listen for God to speak to you through His creation!

10. Prophetic words: God speaks to us through his body of believers. At times when we are in difficult circumstances, getting a prophetic word from a prophet or a prophetically gifted person can feel like a lifeline. Have you ever gotten a Prophetic word or an encouraging word at just the right time?

Proverbs 25:11 "A word in the right season is like, Apples of gold, in settings of silver".

A prophetic word, given at the right time and in the right season releases encouragement, comfort and strength to keep going and not give up. God uses us as His body of believers to speak and encourage and build each other up. Throughout scripture, both in the Old and New Testament, it is a normal part of how God communicates his heart to us.

11.Signs & Wonders & Miracles: There are thousands of testimonies of people being healed miraculously in front of others. We have also watched what can only be described as specs of glitter appear on people, and heard of people even receiving gold teeth. Sometimes we have no explanation for these things, but can believe that it's a sign and a wonder, and as the Psalms says "God does as He pleases." God is showing

us that Heaven is right here with us, and a very reality that is not far away, but superimposed upon ours.

12. Normal, everyday things: A lot of times, God will speak through street names, license plates, billboards and more. A lot of times it gives us encouragement to know that we are right where we need to be and that He is with us, and sometimes it reminds me to reach out to a friend, or intercede for a situation.

13. Smell and taste, feeling and more: You have senses in your spirit just as you do in the natural. You might walk in a room and feel pain in your shoulder that wasn't there before. God can speak to you about someone in need of healing by giving you a word of knowledge through your physical body. OR you might taste honey during worship time or smell incense. We know of people who can smell cancer and will know how to pray for people through that. There are also instances where we have smelled fresh cut roses on the stage during worship.

It's fun to learn the languages of God. Most important is learning how God speaks to you, specifically. What patterns do you see again and again that you might have dismissed? God has been speaking to you for a long time. How God has wired you is how He will talk to you. One of the biggest things that can trip us up is hearing stories of how others hear from God—different ways than we hear from Him. If we begin to compare, we can get discouraged. If you have never heard the audible voice of God, or seen a vision, don't let that discourage you. Instead, be reminded that God speaks to you in many other ways. There is not one way that is better than another, He is speaking and you can hear Him, that is what matters. The way He chooses to speak to you is less important. Stay encouraged, keep paying attention to how God is speaking to you, and remember that He is always speaking.