



## Call for Confirmation

**Focus** We can know that it is really God speaking to us by asking Him to confirm His word through the Bible, godly counsel and circumstances.

**Open** What is your favorite fall “comfort food”?

**Read** How can we know that we’re really hearing God and that it’s not “just us” we’re hearing? The Bible tells us that not only is it okay to ask God for confirmation, but that it’s also *wise* to ask Him to confirm His word (Matthew 18:16). There are examples of this throughout the Scriptures, such as the story of Gideon.

When we think God is really speaking to us, the word will line up with the message of the Bible, godly counsel will agree/confirm, and we will have peace in our hearts. It always takes faith to follow God, but when we step out based on a word from Him that has been confirmed, we’ll walk in peace.

- Talk**
1. Why is it important to ask God for confirmation when we believe He may be speaking to us about something? Give an example of a time that you asked for and received confirmation from Him.
  2. Many people try to find scripture to support what they believe (or hope) God is saying. (The interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees recorded in Matthew 19:3–8 is an example of this.) Why is this so dangerous? What can we do to make sure we’re not taking things out of context?

3. Read Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 19:20 and Proverbs 24:6. What does it mean to seek godly counsel? Why must we have heard something from God *before* we can truly seek counsel?
4. Philippians 4:7 says, "*The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding [reasoning], will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*" Why is peace an important confirmation? Why can it be difficult to speak up when we don't have peace about something that others seem to have peace about?

**Live**

Is there something you believe God might be speaking to you about right now? What is the next step you need to take to confirm His message to you?

**Pray**

Thank God that He is willing to wait for us to be sure we're hearing Him. Thank Him that He wants to *speak* to us even more than we usually want to *hear* from Him! Ask Him for clarity and confirmation concerning anything you and others in your group believe He is saying.