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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Hearing God through others

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

#### Setting

- In the early years of the church before the New Testament was written, God revealed new truth through apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:20; 3:5).
- Early church meetings included Old Testament teaching (Acts 17:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:16; 4:2) and prophetic teaching that needed testing (1 Corinthians 14:26, 29, 31).

#### Principles

- I. We must embrace how the Spirit works through others in the church (1 Thessalonians 5:19-20).
  - A. Don't quench what the Spirit does – Encourage; don't stifle what the Spirit is doing in others (19; 5:11; Ephesians 4:29-30).
  - B. Don't reject what the Spirit teaches – Take seriously when others teach and apply God's word to you (20; Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 3:13).
- II. We must evaluate what the Spirit is truly doing and saying (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).
  - A. We must carefully evaluate all that people claim is from God (21a; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1-3).
  - B. We must apply truth when God truly speaks, but reject all that is not biblical (21b-22; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; James 2:20).

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Open Door Bible Church 5-29-16

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