

AN AMERICAN PROPHET?

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- I. *_Music_* manifests more than mere *_moods_* II Tim 3:16; Matt 5:17-18;
Luke 16:17; II Pet 1:20-21;
I Pet 1:10-12; II Sam 12:5-6;
Num 24:16; John 11:49-52;
I Thess 5:21-22; Matt 12:34b
 - A. *_Music_* can *_reveal_* the *_treasures_* of *_groups_* Rev 15:2-4; I Cor 14:22-25
 - B. *_Music_* can reveal an individual's *_heart_* Ps 8:1; 9:1; 13:1;
Acts 16:25;
Eph 5:18-19; I Pet 3:15;
Prov 31:4-5; Ecc 10:17;
Isa 22:12-13; I Cor 15:32b
- II. When the *_leaders_* *_sink_*, many *_suffer_*
 - A. God commands *_leaders_* to lead *_diligently_* Rom 12:8b; Ps 78:72
 - B. For those who *_follow_* *_support_* our *_leaders_* Heb 13:17; Acts 4:18-20;
Josh 1:16-18; I Tim 2:1-3;
- III. God can “*_leave_*” a *_place_* Gen 28:16-19a; Ex 33:14;
I Kings 19:11-13
 - A. He “*_leaves_*” when other *_things_* take His *_place_* John 14:16; Heb 13:5;
Eph 4:30; I Thess 5:19;
I John 1:6; Ezek 10-11;
Rev 2:4-5
 - B. He *_comes_* when He's *_welcome_* James 4:7-8; II Cor 6:16b-18

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

INTRO

1. Pastor Dave spoke about music being more than just words and melody. Music can have a message for us. Can you think of any song that has spoken to your heart?
2. Discuss some recent songs that reflect something about our current culture.

APPLICATION

1. **Have you ever “heard God’s voice” through something other than the Scripture** (e.g. circumstances, conscience, a song, a random comment, etc.)? Review and discuss these principles and related Scriptures for discerning God's voice. How would you apply them?
 - Is it consistent with God's Word? (Deuteronomy 4:2, 1 John 2:4-6)
 - Does it lead you away from God? (Deuteronomy 13:1-4)
 - Is it consistent with God's character? (Exodus 34:6-7, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - Are you submitting to the Lord in prayer? (Psalm 19:13, Philippians 4:6, James 4:6-7, 13)
 - Have you sought wise counsel? (Proverbs 15:22)

APPLICATION

2. Ephesians 5:18-20 shows that music can reflect the condition of our hearts. What does your playlist/music preferences reflect about your heart?
3. Can you give an illustration of “when leaders sink, others suffer?” In what ways did others suffer?
4. Read Hebrews 13:17. What are the character qualities of a good leader? a good follower?
5. How can the Lord “leave a place” since He is omnipresent? Why does He leave? What does it say about God that He usually takes “the last train” as in American Pie? What attracts Him to come to a place, a life?