

Can You Hear Me Now? | Week 1

Introduction

Love listens. In a noisy world, slowing down to hear someone's heart is a powerful way to show them Jesus.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- What's the funniest or most random piece of advice you've ever been given—and did you listen to it?
- When during your week are you most tempted to “react” instead of “listen”? How can you invite God into that moment more intentionally?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. Share a time someone loved you through listening.
2. Why do you think listening is so difficult in today's culture, and what makes it powerful in spiritual relationships?
3. Read: [James 1:19-20](#)
 - a. What do you think it means to be “quick to listen” in our everyday lives? Why is this first step so vital?
 - b. What does it mean to be “slow to speak?” Is this an area of strength or challenge for you? In what ways can you improve?
 - c. What causes it to be challenging to be “slow to anger,” and how can we improve on that? Are there certain situations that present more challenges than others? How can the group pray for or support you in this?
4. How can we become better listeners in our friendships, marriages, parenting, or work settings this week?
5. What's one situation or relationship in your life right now where God might be asking you to listen first instead of trying to fix, preach, or react?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Lord, slow us down. Help us to love like You by listening with grace, not with quick opinions or short tempers. Teach us to hear the hearts of others so we can point them to Yours. Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- We are so glad you have started this journey of small groups with us! If this is your first time joining a group, way to go! It becomes more fun and feels more comfortable as you keep coming back. If there is anything we can do to help or support you, please let us know.
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