

LEARNING TO LISTEN

Life Group Questions for Sunday, May 7, 2017

When have you ignored a signal your body was giving you?

Read James 1:19

What are the characteristics of a good listener?

Review the listening test and talk about your strengths and weaknesses.

1. I often control the conversation in order to lead it in directions I want it to go.
2. I frequently shift conversations to stories or illustrations about myself.
3. I do most of the talking in conversations, or group meetings.
4. I usually find out what's going on indirectly, or after the fact.
5. I'm rarely concerned about body language, either giving or reading it.
6. I often speak for long stretches of time.
7. Sometimes I'm unaware of how long I've been talking.
8. I usually lose patience with people who can't communicate well, assuming the responsibility for failure is theirs.

Read Mark 10:46-52

What makes Jesus a good listener in this scene?

Read John 4:7-26

Examine Jesus' body language, his questions, and how he showed empathy to this woman.

Read Proverbs 20:5

Has anyone discovered the deep purposes of your heart? What were the circumstances of that conversation?

Read Philippians 2:3

What is the difference between listening technically and listening with empathy?

Talk about ways that we can listen to God. How can we create room to listen to the Holy Spirit?

PRAY for each other to become excellent listeners.