



Decision point - a moment to come to a conclusion that will determine direction.

James 1:19

1. Listening before speaking will help us make better decisions.

Matthew 13:3-12

2. Before opinions collide and divide, we have to decide what will be our guide.

Matthew 13:18-23

3. SNAP means to stop, notice, ask, and pivot.

Discussion questions:

1. Would the people around me describe me as quick to listen or quick to speak?
2. What step of SNAP would you like to grow in most right now?

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

Listening before speaking will help us make better decisions.

Open Up:

Would the people around me describe me as quick to listen or quick to speak?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Read James 1:19. Which of these comes the most naturally to you?
- ▶ Read Proverbs 1:5. What makes these good practices?
- ▶ Read the explanation of the parable in Matthew 13:18-23. Of the four responses, which do you think is most prevalent in our world today?
 - Not understanding God's message and giving up.
 - Being swayed by problems of life and not being rooted.
 - Giving in to worry and/or fear.
 - Understanding God's kingdom and living it out.

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Which step of SNAP (Stop, Notice, Ask or Pivot) would you like to grow in most right now?

Pray:

Pray for each group represented in the parable's responses, that they would connect with the word planted in their hearts.