

“Who Are You Listening To”

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Matthew 17:1-8; Matthew 13:12 (NLT)

Following Jesus is a decision to listen to him and learn how to live it out.

- Lower the volume of other voices.

Proverbs 17:27

- Learn to be a student of scripture.

Matthew 13:12 (AMP)

Why listen to Jesus?

1. Jesus came to ignite a fire of purpose in you.
2. Jesus says, “Rise up and don’t be afraid.”

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

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

Consider:

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

- ▶ Read Matthew 13:12.
 - What makes listening so valuable?
 - What are the characteristics of a good listener?
- ▶ Where do you hear from God most clearly – reading scripture, listening to music, time in nature, in silence, or somewhere else?
- ▶ Read James 1:22-25. Is it possible to listen without learning?
- ▶ Read Matthew 17:5-7. Talk about a time when you were touched (ignited) by God.

Commit:

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

Read Matthew 17:5. God the Father spoke words of:

- Validation. “This is my son, whom I love.”
- Affirmation. “With him I am well pleased.”
- Instruction. “Listen to him!”

Take a moment and consider what God is saying over you.

Care:

Pray for any concerns that came up in the high/lows. Thank God for the highs. Ask him to help us listen and obey.