

The Art of Relationships || Listening Well

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

To listen is to love. In the modern world, it is a lost art. If you want to make a difference in someone's life, listen to them. If you want to show someone you care, then listen. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Listening builds trust, and trust increases influence. Listen well, and you will begin to love well.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

A great way to get to know people is to ask them questions about themselves. You can use the acronym FORM as a way to get started. In your group, answer one or two questions about your:

Family

Occupation

Recreation (What you like to do in your free time?)

Motivations (What is important to you? What gets you up in the morning?)

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How do you feel when someone REALLY listens to you?
2. Read [James 1:19](#). In what situations do you tend to be "quick to listen"? What situations are difficult for you to be "quick to listen"?
3. In [John 13:1-5](#), Jesus washes the disciples' feet as a way to teach them about serving one another. How is listening to one another like a modern way of washing one another's feet?
4. Last weekend, Chad shared the "HEARING TEST." Which of these questions resonated with you? Why?
 - Do you assume what others are thinking?
 - Are you a patient/impatient listener?
 - Are you open to advice/suggestions?
 - Do you listen with your eyes?

- Do you listen with your heart?
5. Oftentimes, we spend time praying and talking with God but forget to take time to listen. Are you spending time listening to God? What has worked for you? What steps could you take to do better in this area?
6. Who do you need to spend more time listening to?

PRAYER

End your group time in prayer. You can use your own words or pray this prayer:

God, thank you for this time together. Thank you for showing us how to love through listening. Help us to be good listeners to the people around us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Check out the Loving God, Loving People Podcast this week. Chad and Robert talk about the lost art of listening. [CLICK HERE](#)
- We are never more like Jesus than when we give and serve. [Serve Day](#) is coming up on Saturday, September 9 and this is a great opportunity for you, as a group, to sign up and serve together! We have provided you with many options to choose from! Get your group signed up today!