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“ARE YOU NOT LISTENING?”

Paying Attention to Jesus

MARK 10:32-45

Jesus: *“I am going suffer, _____, and _____ from the dead.”*

James and John: *“We want to be _____ in your kingdom!”*

“Are you not listening?”

GIDEON — JUDGES 6:11-22

Gideon was listening to the voice of _____.

God wanted him to listen to the voice of _____.

ELIJAH — 1 KINGS 19:1-8

Elijah was listening to the voice of the _____.

God wanted him to listen to the voice of the _____.

JAMES/JOHN — MARK 10:38-45

James/John were listening to the voice of _____.

Jesus wanted them to listen to the voice of _____.

The Rest of Their Story...

- **James** — ACTS 12:1, 2
- **John** — *Gospel, Epistles, Revelation - Exiled*

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. In Sunday’s sermon we looked at when God is speaking, we may not really be listening. If you can remember... was there anything helpful or questionable about this message?
2. Have you ever known someone who looked like they are listening to you, but their response indicated they were not listening? Got a story?
3. What makes listening so difficult? What makes listening to God so difficult? What other voices compete with hearing God’s voice?
4. What have you found to be the best way to listen to God?
5. Does God speak only through what is written in Scripture? Explain.

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read John 10:1-10. What does Jesus affirm about His follower’s ability to hear His voice? Is this figurative or literal? Explain. What is Jesus’ purpose for his sheep who listen to His voice (vs. 10)?**
- **Read John 1:27. What do Jesus’ sheep do once they have heard His voice?**
- **Read John 16:13-15. To whom does Jesus want His followers to listen after his departure? What is the one thing that this person’s message always does (vs. 14)?**
- **Read 1 John 4:1-3. What is the problem with believing every spirit as the spirit of God? What is the test for believing a message from any “spirit”?**
- **Read Hebrews 2:1-4. Why is it so important to learn to pay attention to Jesus? What does it mean to “drift away”?**

Agree or disagree? - “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” ~C.S. LEWIS

LIVING OUT

- **What does it take to develop “ears that hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches” (Revelation 2:7)?**