

The Big Listen

(Sermon Listening Guide)

(1Samuel 3:1-11, 19)

Listening Helps:

1. _____ . (v. 1-7)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

2. _____ . (vs. 7-9)

For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure. (Proverbs 11:14)

3. _____ . (v. 8)

God speaks through:

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But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13)

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Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. (Proverbs 15:22)

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He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times." (Matthew 16:2-3)

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Is the message consistent with God's _____?

4. _____ (v. 9-10)

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For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

5. _____ (vs. 10)

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? (Luke 6:46)

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. (Luke 16:10)

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(Small Group Guide)

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1. Icebreaker: As a child, did you ever peek into a wrapped gift before you actually received it? Did you ever get caught? Explain the details.
2. Has God ever spoken to you about anything in your life? (If so, briefly explain or give an example.)
3. Can you think of a practical way in which God might show His will for your life? (Give one or two examples).
4. Read the following verses and determine and discuss as a group what the consistent theme is.

- **Read Deuteronomy 32:28.**

*For they are a nation void of **counsel**, and there is no understanding in them. (ESV)*

- **Read 1 Kings 12:6-8.**

*Then King Rehoboam took **counsel** with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." But he abandoned the **counsel** that the old men gave him and took **counsel** with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him. (ESV)*

- **Read Nehemiah 6:7.**

*So now come and let us take **counsel** together.(ESV)*

- **Read Proverbs 15:22.**

*Without **counsel** plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.(ESV)*

5. Why do you think that we are so hesitant to ask for advice (counsel) from other people in our lives?
6. What is it, in your opinion, which makes someone a good person to seek advice (counsel) from?
7. In light of the previous question, can you think of someone in your life that you would seek advice (counsel) from?