

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Listening to God helps us know Him better.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1:1-3 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to consider how the power of listening to someone helps you know them better and to generalize that idea to listening to God.

THINK ABOUT THIS

High schoolers are moving from being able to think only about concepts that are concrete to increasingly abstract. Because listening to God is slightly abstract, it may be hard for them to put into words how they hear from God beyond saying that they come to church or read their Bibles. When your students are describing how they hear from God, challenge them by asking follow up questions like: "Tell me more." Reaffirm and reinforce the language they use when they are describing that experience. Affirm there are multiple ways to listen to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- Other than talking, what are some ways you communicate with your friends?
- Why is listening an important part of any good relationship?

THE WORD

- READ Psalm 1:1-3. What things does this psalm encourage us NOT to do? Why do you think that is?
- What things does this psalm encourage us to do? What benefits does the psalm say that has?
- A good way to hear from God can be through reading the Bible. What are some other ways you can listen to God?
- What do you think makes listening to God difficult sometimes?
- God speaks to us through His word. He also speaks to us through His people. As you are listening to God, who is someone you can talk with about it?
- Has there been a time in your life, when a Bible verse related to your life in a very practical way you can share with the group?

APPLICATION

- How did reading your Bible and/or connecting with God go last week?
- What is one way you could try to listen to God this week?

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we encourage each other to have healthy spiritual habits?
- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
What prayer requests do y'all have?

Psalm 1:1-3 NIV

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

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