



LifeGroups Study Guide

Week #4, February 11, 2018: “Listening to Jesus”

1. **Connect**

Spend time checking-in with each other, sharing your highs and lows, joys and concerns, etc.

2. **Pray**

Pray with and for each other, remembering to lift up the highs and lows that were shared. Central to what LifeGroups is about is an intention to be a caring community for the sake of others, the community of Christ called to care for one another, grow in faith, and seek God’s guidance together.

3. **Embrace the Word**

Read Mark 9:2-9. Share with each other what you hear in this reading – what catches your ear?

4. **Engage the Theme: Listening to Jesus**

(Copies of the sermon are available at the Information Center and at www.oslchurch.com.)

Share with each other what you heard in the sermon for the week. Did anything in particular grab your attention? Did anything surprise you? If you could ask the preacher anything about the sermon, what would it be?

5. **Listen**

For this section, ask a volunteer to read each passage from scripture one at a time, allowing enough time after each reading for silent reflection. Follow each reading with a period of sharing in which group members share what they heard Jesus saying to them personally.

- Luke 10:25-37
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Matthew 5:43-48
- Matthew 5:13-16
- Matthew 6:25-34
- Mark 6:30-44
- John 10:11-18

6. **Take Action (personal growth steps for the coming weeks)**

- Reflect on how your lifestyle either allows or prevents you from regularly listening to Jesus' voice (in scripture, in prayer, in worship, etc.).
- Discern how you would like to grow in this spiritual practice of listening and formulate a 2-week plan to make it a reality.
- Ask someone in your LifeGroup to be your accountability partner, the person who will check in with you several times during that two-week period to see how you are doing with meeting your goals.
- Turn over all of this to God in prayer this week and ask for help in figuring out a plan and carrying it out.

7. **Wrap-up**

- Pray as a group in a way that best fits the group's personality and preferences.
- Share a sign of peace and blessing with each other before you leave.