

“Are You Listening?”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. <p>Getting to Know You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are a follower of Jesus, when did you first “hear” and “understand” the gospel and respond to it in faith? Leader: If someone in your group hasn’t responded to the gospel yet, walk them through what is involved, and ask if they would like to pray that prayer and become a follower of Jesus today. 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John 16:4b-7 John 17:6-19 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We often think that it would be better if Jesus still walked the earth with us today. But why does He tell His disciples that it’s better if He goes away? In what way? <p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 1:8 Matthew 28:18-20 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What “power” and “authority” does Jesus have that He has given to us? What are we to do with it?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke 9:37-45 Mark 9:14-29 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What differences do you see between Luke and Mark’s version of this account? How does Mark’s account help us better understand Jesus’ compassion for the father? Who do you most relate to in this story? (The disciples; the father; the boy) And why? 	<p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Dave mentioned that we often pray for people to come to faith, but don’t always see ourselves as being called to share the gospel with them. How does this passage challenge that idea? Are you going through a difficult situation, like the father in this story? If so, would you share it with the group? How do Jesus’ words, “If you can! All things are possible for the one who believes.” (Mark 9:23) encourage you? Would you be willing to pray the prayer, “I believe, help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24) over that situation this week?