

## Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

### February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### **Ice Breaker Questions:**

Who is someone in your life that is a great listener? What stands out about them and their listening?

What do you think is the difference between HEARING and LISTENING?

#### **QUIET:**

On February 10<sup>th</sup> we started a new series called *QUIET* and Doug asked: “**What if being QUIET actually speaks the loudest?**”

Doug made the case for the fact idea that: ***QUIET LISTENING is needed to LOVE OTHERS well.*** Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

**In what ways is quiet listening a way of loving others?**

**READ:** Have people in the group read the following verses out loud one passage at a time and then pause to allow the group to discuss what the passage might mean in regard to our need for quiet:

**Proverbs 18:13**

**Proverbs 17:27-28**

**Proverbs 19:20**

**Proverbs 12:15**

**Proverbs 19:27**

**Proverbs 10:19**

**Proverbs 19:2**

**READ: James 1:19-20** *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

What are your observations about this passage?

What does it mean that “human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires”?

What are some barriers that keep people from listening well?

Which of those barriers is your biggest struggle?

#### **Putting It In To Action:**

**James 1:19-20** *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...*

What does it specifically look like to apply this passage in your life? What are some things you will do this week to be quick to listen and slow to speak?

What does it look like to apply this in your family?

What does it look like to apply this with your work/school/friends?

What does it look like to apply this in this small group?

What will you do this week to practice being quiet to listen to others?

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Have people share prayer requests for this week and spend some time praying for each other. Challenge everyone to pray for each other throughout the week.