

Sermon Discussion Guide: Hearing (John 14:23-27)

Watch Sermon here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOHowDf2h7M>

1. Icebreaker Question:

- Can you recall a time when a meaningful conversation had a lasting impact on you? How did it shape your perspective or actions?

2. Scripture Reading:

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching”?

3. Discussion Questions

Hearing Jesus Amidst Noise and Distractions

- What are the biggest distractions in your life that make it difficult to hear from Jesus?
- How can we practically “hear” Jesus’ words in the midst of a noisy world?

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Hearing Jesus

- How does the Holy Spirit help us understand and remember Jesus’ teachings?

Experiencing the Peace of Christ

- How is the peace Jesus gives different from the peace the world offers?
- Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” How can we apply this truth in our daily lives?

4. Application Steps: Hearing and Responding

1. **Know the Story** – Commit to reading a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Share favorite Bible reading/listening apps that help you engage with Scripture.
2. **Understand the Story** – What strategies help you move beyond just knowing the words of Jesus to truly understanding them?
3. **Interpret the Story Correctly** – How do we ensure we’re interpreting Scripture in its proper context rather than making it say what we want it to say?
4. **Accept the Complete Story** – Are there parts of the Bible that challenge you? How do you wrestle with difficult passages while remaining faithful?

5. Closing Questions

- What is one practical step you can take this week to be more intentional about hearing from Jesus?
- How can we, as a community, encourage one another to live in the peace of Christ?
- Find a quiet time each day to listen to God—through His Word, prayer, or silence.

Preparing for February 2

The Cost of Discipleship – Luke 14:25-33

How does prioritizing Jesus transform the way we relate to family, friends, and ourselves?

How is carrying a cross different from enduring general hardships in life?

How do we reconcile the high cost of discipleship with the free gift of grace offered in the gospel?

How can we support and pray for one another in fully committing to Christ?