



1. Fill in the blanks from the main point of the sermon:

I must \_\_\_\_\_ listen for \_\_\_\_\_ to have \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

2. Explain a time when you weren't **listened to** by someone, and walked away disappointed or hurt.

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a. What was difficult about not being "heard"?

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3. Read James 1:19-20. The Greek word for "hear" is **ἀκούω** (akouo). How should we understand this word according to the sermon?

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4. Why is it accurate to say that listening is demanding?

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5. Explain why the following indicate I'm not listening for understanding:

a. I'm quiet to appear polite –

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b. I keep interrupting –

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c. I plan my response while they talk –

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d. I put a negative spin on what they say –

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e. I neglect clarifying questions –

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6. Which one(s) do you struggle with most from #5? How will you work on this?



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7. Explain why the following indicate I am listening for understanding:

a. I recognize they have information I don't have –

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b. I'm eager to care for them –

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c. I'm open to having my perspective changed –

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d. I'm willing to wait for clarity –

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e. I'm prayerful –

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8. Where are you encouraged about your listening, and where do you need to change from #6?

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9. When it comes to matters of **racial tension** in our nation – why is it critical as the people of Jesus that we listen for understanding in the **ἀκούω** (akouo) sense?

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a. How can you be more a part of the solution in this regard?

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10. Read John 1:14, John 10:11 and John 10:27-28. How does the gospel address my struggle with listening at the deepest level?

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11. Give one main take away from this teaching to help you grow as a listener?

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