LIVING THE BETTER LIFE: Listening

START: (10 min)

- 1. How was your week?
- 2. Conversation Starter (optional): If you could instantly master any skill or talent, what would it be and why?

GOSPEL:

Prov 3:5-7 MSG, "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. 6 Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he;s the one who will keep you on track. 7 Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil!

James 1:19-20 NLT, "Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

Listening to God

- 1. How do you typically approach listening to God in your daily life?
- 2. What are some common barriers that hinder people from truly listening to God's voice?
- 3. What are some misconceptions or doubts people might have about hearing from God?
- 4. Share practical ways to slow down and create space to listen to God amidst the busyness of life.
- 5. Share personal experiences of how reading the Bible has helped you to hear God's voice.

<u>Listening to others</u>

- 6. What are some Scriptures that teach the importance of listening to others?
- 7. Share practical tips for improving your active listening skills in conversations.
- 8. Share personal stories how active listening led to positive outcomes in your relationships.
- 9. What areas in your life do you need to improve in terms of listening to God and others?

PRAYER: Take some time to pray for one another.