

LISTEN

a posture & practice

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- collection of texts
- telling a Unified story
- that leads to Jesus

SKILL #1 - LISTENING

A Posture:

- Listening requires attention
- listening communicates respect
- listening invites responsiveness

A Practice

- listen frequently
- listen widely
- listen responsively

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READ

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 daily* [extra: read Deut 9-11]

*Try reading out loud and listening to an audio bible.

REFLECT

1. WHO AM I?

a. What influences have shaped you as a Bible reader?

b. In what way are you a good listener?

c. In what ways is listening a challenge for you?

2. WHAT AM I READING?

We discussed 3 use-based assumptions about what kind of book the Bible is: a theology reference, a moral handbook, a devotional guide.

a. In your experience reading the Bible, how have these use-based assumptions helped and/or hindered your ability to read, understand, and respond to the text?

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We discussed a text-based assumption that the Bible is an ancient collection of texts telling a unified story that leads to Jesus. What do you think of this definition?

b. In what ways does assumption help or challenge you as you seek to read, understand, and respond to the Bible?

3. POSTURE #1 - LISTEN

a. What stands out to you from your repeated reading of Deut 6?

b. What does a posture of listening to God look like in your life?

c. What does a practice of listening to God look like in your life?

RESPOND

Shema

Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deut 6:4-9 NIV

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Deut 6:4-9 NIV

“Listen, O Israel!

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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