

# Playlist: Crowd Noise

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*All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.*

## **BIG IDEA: Listening to the crowd leads us away from God.**

### **The Crowd Today:**

- **Social Media**
- **Political Groups/News**
- **Peers**
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### **When hearing from the crowd:**

1. Don't **RUSH** to **JUDGMENT**.
2. **CHALLENGE** the status quo.
3. Let your **RESPONSE** lead people to **JESUS**.

**NEXT STEP: Reconsider how you respond to the crowds in your life.  
Are you pointing people to the grace of Jesus?**

## Further Study & Discussion Questions

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### Getting to Know You:

1. What sound is the most distracting to you?
2. How successful are you at drowning out loud noise when trying to focus?

### Quick Review:

1. What are some of the most common voices that you listen to in life?
2. Was there anything about this week's message that was surprising to you? What was the one thing you remember from the message?

### Digging Deeper:

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Jesus takes a very stressful and intense situation and turns it into something that shows his grace and love. Jesus did not waver in his commitment to doing the right thing or in showing love. What are some ways that we listen to the crowd instead of showing God's love?

How can we do a better job of responding in ways that lead people towards Jesus?

2. Read **Colossians 3:2-4**

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If we are successful at quieting the crowds in our lives, then we must replace it with something. What does **Colossians 3:2-4** tell us we should focus on?

What are some ways that we can "set our minds on things above?"

### Application:

Take stock of the way you think and the voices you listen to. What needs to stay and what needs to go? Commit to giving God priority in your daily choices and pray that He would help you quiet the crowds.