

How We Listen Shapes What We Believe Sunday, February 8, 2026

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Spirit-Led Revolution 45

Acts 17:1–11; 1 Thessalonians 5:20–21

DISCOVER (Message Notes)

INTRODUCTION

- When Surrender Becomes Visible: What a Surrendered Church Looks Like Together (Recap)
- _____ Is Only the Beginning
- Surrender Must Be _____
- _____ Must Always Be Our Starting Point

1. DISCERNMENT _____ THE CHURCH

- Truth Exposes _____
- Truth Produces Different _____
- When Everyone Has Their Own _____ of Truth

2. EVERY VOICE MUST BE _____

- Authority Never Replaces _____
- That's Why We Need Discernment in Everything
 - Discernment Isn't About _____
 - Discernment Isn't About _____ People
- When Discernment Is _____

3. HOW WE _____ SHAPES WHAT WE BELIEVE

- They Were _____
- They Were Eager _____
- They Searched the _____
- They Were _____ to Truth

BRINGING IT HOME

- Listening Is a Form of Stewardship
- Scripture Is Where We Return When Voices Compete
- Who We're Becoming Is Shaped Long Before We Notice

RESPOND: If you're ready to take a step, start here

- _____ I've noticed a critical spirit growing in me, and I want God to soften my heart
- _____ I want discernment to shape my faith, not reaction
- _____ I want to be more intentional about how I listen to God's Word
- _____ I want to give my life to Jesus and begin building my faith on truth

GROW: Going Deeper for Personal Study and Application

- **Reflect:** When I listen to teaching, conversations, or even Scripture, what posture do I usually bring? Am I listening to receive, or listening to evaluate and critique? What has that posture been producing in me?
- **Read & Pray:** Read [Acts 17:10-12](#); [Psalm 139:23-24](#); [James 1:19-22](#). Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to listen well. To expose any critical spirit that keeps you from receiving what He wants to say. To help you respond with obedience, not reaction.
- **Take a Step:** When you hear teaching, correction, or truth: Resist the urge to critique. Ask, "What might God be forming in me through this?" Write down one truth from Scripture you want to sit with and return to during the week.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR "REFLECTIONS ON LAST SUNDAY" HANDOUT TO THE USHERS, DROPBOX, OR CONNECT BOOTH