

Small Group Discussion Guide

"Listen, Learn, Imitate: The Greater Moses"

Based on Deuteronomy 18:9-22

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to help the group apply these truths to their daily lives.

Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

Question: Share about someone whose character you admired growing up and how they influenced you. What specific traits did you "imitate" from them?

Sermon Review (5 minutes)

Key Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15 - *"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen. You shall listen to him."*

Main Point: God calls His people to listen to His Word, learn His character, and imitate His ways—ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the greater Moses.

Discussion Questions

Part 1: Listen (15 minutes)

1. Why was it so critical for Israel to listen specifically to Moses rather than the surrounding nations?

2. **Tim mentioned that Israel asked Moses to speak to God on their behalf because they feared God's presence (Deuteronomy 18:16). What does this reveal about the holiness of God? How should this shape our approach to worship?**
3. **In what ways do modern Christians struggle with "listening" to God's Word? What distractions or competing voices make this difficult?**

Part 2: Learn (15 minutes)

4. The sermon emphasized that we listen in order to **learn God's character. What specific aspects of God's character have you learned recently through Scripture?** How has this changed your perspective?
5. Moses warned Israel not to learn the "detestable things" of other nations (divination, witchcraft, etc.). **What are the modern equivalents of these practices that Christians might be tempted to turn to instead of God's Word?**
6. The pastor shared the story about working in the field with his Papa instead of going fishing. **How do we learn God's character through doing "hard things"?** Can you share a personal example?

Part 3: Imitate (15 minutes)

7. **What does it mean practically to "imitate" God's character in our daily lives?** Give specific examples from your week.
8. The sermon stated: "Conviction → Confidence → Courage." **How does knowing God's Word move us through this progression?**
9. Jesus said in Matthew 7 that those who hear His words and **act on them** are like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **What's the difference between simply knowing God's Word and acting on it?**

Part 4: The Greater Moses (10 minutes)

10. **How is Jesus the fulfillment of the "prophet like Moses" promised in Deuteronomy 18?** What are the similarities and differences?
11. In John 6:68, Peter asks, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life." **Why is Jesus the only source of eternal life?** How would you explain this to someone who doesn't believe?

Key Takeaways

✓ **Listen** - We must intentionally listen to God's Word, not the voices of the world

✓ **Learn** - Through Scripture, we learn God's character and His ways

✓ **Imitate** - We are called to live out God's character in the world as a witness to others

✓ **Jesus is the Greater Moses** - He is the ultimate prophet who speaks God's words and provides eternal life through His sacrifice

✓ **It's Bigger Than Us** - Our faithfulness in learning and living God's Word impacts future generations

Reflection Questions for Personal Journaling

- Who am I listening to most in my life right now?
- What am I learning about God's character through His Word?
- How am I imitating Christ in my relationships, work, and community?
- Who in my life needs to hear about the "words of eternal life"?

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer (10 minutes)

Focus areas for prayer:

- That we would prioritize God's Word over the world's voices
- For conviction, confidence, and courage to live out our faith
- For specific family members and friends who don't yet know Christ