

LET'S GO

LOVE · LISTEN · LEAD

LESSON 3 - LISTEN

INTRODUCTION: THE POWER OF QUESTIONS & ETHICAL DIALOGUE (video)

- As you watch the video, jot down examples of Jesus being lovingly “present” with people.
- What are the four components of ethical dialogue mentioned by Professor Paustian?
 - 1.)
 - 2.)
 - 3.)
 - 4.)
- Discussion: Why are these four qualities so important? Which of these challenges you the most when you are in a strong disagreement? Why?

GENTLENESS & RESPECT (video)

- 1.) Discuss what gentleness might sound like when talking to a skeptical unbeliever.
- 2.) Discuss what respect might sound like when talking to a skeptical unbeliever.

BEING ON THE OTHER END (video)

- This is your opportunity to deeply reflect upon and explore the experiences you have had of being listened to well and on the people you know who do it supremely well.
 - 1.) Describe the best listener you’ve known. Break it down as concretely as you can. What do they actually do? (For example, recall their non-verbal communication—the look on their face, their eye contact, their tone of voice, their pace, how they handled silences, their posture, their touch, etc.)

2.) What do they say? How do they use their turn when it comes back to them? What things do they notice and comment on—your words, your feelings? What questions do they ask? How do they use your name?

3.) What are the effects people achieve who present themselves and communicate in these ways? What can they accomplish in these ways that otherwise cannot be?

4.) What do they do to you? Who do you become when you are around them? What do they bring out in you?

5.) How do you feel about these people?

6.) Why is true listening so rare? What gets in the way?

CLOSING / PREVIEW (video)