

Session 7:

Listening

Small Group Study Guide

1. Introduce the session

5 minutes

Key verse

“Give us today our daily bread” – Matthew 6:10

- In this session, we’ll unpack the practical ways we can tune into hearing God’s voice.
 - Begin the session by opening in prayer.
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2. Watch the Video

20 minutes

Bible passages

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Summary points

- We are designed to walk and talk with God.
 - Slow down, Soften up.
 - When listening to God, remember ABC: Advice, Bible, Common Sense.
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3. Discussion Questions

20 minutes

- Q. What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video?
- Q. Do you feel like your connection to God's voice is like "wi-fi", "cell phone" or "snail mail"? Do you find it's obvious when God is speaking to you?

Pete mentioned that we all hear God differently: **"It's okay to hear God the way he's made you."**

- Q. Do you experience hearing God's voice in a specific way? If so, how?

Pete suggested two ways we can tune into God's voice:

"Slow down"

- Q. What practical actions could you take this week to make time for listening to God?

"Soften up"

- Q. How can we encourage one another to "keep our hearts soft" in the busyness of our daily lives?

4. Do it

15 minutes

Practise listening to God together. There are a few different ways you might like to do this, depending on your group:

- Split into small groups of 3 people, and take it in turns listening to God for one person at a time. Remind your group members to apply the "ABC" acronym for anything they think God is saying!
- Practise the Lectio Divina together as a group. You might like to explore the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 5:13-16

Remember to:

Read it – Familiarisation

Explore it – Imagination

Pray it – Conversation

Enjoy it – Celebration

Leader's note

Check out the Prayer Tool on the Lectio Divina, which includes instructions for groups.

Toolshed resources: Listening

These can be found at prayercourse.org/toolshed

- How to Speak in Tongues
- How to do the Lectio Divina
- How to Journal
- How to turn Parenting into Prayer