



CROSSBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Listening to the Lord (John 10:27)

1. Watch the corresponding video found online.
2. After DBS, take a minute or two to be quiet and still before the Lord. Using a journal or note card, ask the Lord to help you write down response to these prompts:
 - "[Your name], I want you to know..."
 - In response to what you heard, ask the Lord to help determine an action step in the form of an "I will....." statement.
3. Break into smaller gender groups of three to allow people to share what they heard and journaled. (Another option is to break up for both the DBS and this time. When you break up, consider putting a stronger person in each smaller breakout)
4. Have the small groups pray for God's encouragement and power over each other's responses.

Listening to the Lord coaching

- Cast vision for ways the Lord might be speaking:
 - An action to start or stop doing
 - A truth to embrace or a lie to reject
 - Someone to love or forgive
- Use scriptures like John 10:27 that refer to God's communicating with us to evoke faith for listening to God's voice.
- Give grace for those who feel stuck in hearing God, encourage them to listen to the Lord and affirm what they already see in scripture. You can also encourage them to begin a dialogue of prayer with God by asking, "Jesus, what do you want me to know about ____? How do you feel about ____? Why is this important to you?"
- Encourage each member to journal what God is speaking to him/her as this fosters a two-way conversation that leaves footsteps of what they heard and declaring their response.

- Always associate hearing God with obedience. In John 10:27, the sheep listen to the Shepherd's voice then follow him. We want to be a people who hear and respond with our heart and our faith.

Some *Listening to the Lord* scriptures

Matthew 25:1-13	Acts 8:26-40
Mark 4:3-20	Romans 8:9-17
Luke 10:38-42	Ephesians 4:11-16
Luke 15:11-32	Colossians 3:9-17
Luke 19:1-10	1 Timothy 4:6-16
Luke 24:13-32	Hebrews 10:19-25

Next Steps

As you engage in this experience, look for these contexts to spur your group on and to grow personally and in community.

- Disciple making relationships (D-groups)
- Hearing God seminar
- Freedom Prayer