

Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

7:30am, Mondays-Byron Chambers	1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell
5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd	1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason
7:00pm, Wednesdays- Teens	5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican
5:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack	6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor
11:45, Sundays – David Britton	6:00, Sundays- Jeff McKinley
11:45, Sundays – Joseph Stotts	6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler
1:00, Sundays-Bob Deason	

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

Living What We Say We Believe, #2 *A Heart That Listens*

Introduction:

- “Let him who has ears to hear, use them.”
- Jesus used this phrase often.
 - Eight times in the gospels. Eight times in the Book of Revelation.
- Scripture has always placed a premium on hearing God’s voice (Deut. 6:4; Neh. 8:3; Prov. 8:34; John 10:3-5; Rev. 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22; Matt. 27:19; John 18:37; Luke 23:23; Rom. 10:17).

I. How Long Has It Been Since You Really _____ to God?

- Apparently Jesus did this quite often. Study the life of Christ and you see a distinct pattern unfold (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; Luke 4:4,8,12,21).
- Consider these two verses: Rom. 12:12; James 1:25.

II. _____ Spirituality

- If you are allowing others to study for you and pray for you all of your spiritual experiences are second hand and not first hand.
- Do you do this with other parts of your life?
- There are just some things no one can do for you. And one of those is spending time with God!

III. _____ to Listen

- Equipped with the right tools, we can learn to listen to God. What are the right tools? You may find your own but here a few that might help.

A _____ Time and Place

- Psalm 88:13; Psalm 141:2; Psalm 55:17

An _____ Bible

- Prov. 2:4-5

Close...

- James 1:25; Phil. 4:9
- ***We know we are listening to God when what we read in the Bible is what others _____ in our lives***

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
January 21, 2018

Life Group Questions
For the week of January 21, 2018

1. How would you rate yourself when it comes to listening? Now how might your spouse/kids/co-workers/friends rate you as a listener?
2. According to the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:1-15), three-quarters of the people didn't "get the message". Why? Are these valid reasons why people (like us) don't listen today?
3. How did Jesus, and how do we, listen to the voice of God? (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:12; Luke 4:4,8,12, 21 and Romans 12:12; James 1:25)
4. What are we losing out on if we are letting others study and sometimes even pray in our place?
5. We discussed two "tools" to help in our listening to God this morning. What are they? What are other tools you can think of that may help the group in listening to God?
6. Many people only study the Bible to win an argument or to prove a point. What are the dangers of such a practice for us and those around us?
7. What is the hardest part of listening to the message of God? (James 1:25; Phil. 4:9)
8. Discuss for a few moments the following: *"We know we are listening to God when what we read in our Bible is what others see in our lives!"*