

Discipleship Methodology: Active Listening

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” James 1:19

Hearing is at the core of our Christian faith:

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

1 Kings 19:9-13

Definition of Hearing: *“The act or process of perceiving _____; to be informed.”*

Definition of Listening: *“To make a _____ effort to hear.”*

That hearing the Word leads to salvation and listening leads to _____.

“Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Not listening...really listening to another person says loud and clear, says you don't really _____ to me and since I represent my Lord...it can communicate you don't _____ to the Lord.

“...the love of many will grow cold.” Matthew 24:12

Six types of listeners:

- 1 the _____
- 2 the OUT-TO-_____
- 3 the _____
- 4 the _____
- 5 the _____
- 6 the _____

Big Idea: The greatest gift of love we can give to another person is to _____.

Though this practice may seem obvious, it is truly the _____ of effectively connecting and discipling with the other person.

Those who are discipled have needs, and in order to emulate Christ, Christians must recognize those needs and seek to meet them both in imitating Christ and acting on behalf of Christ in the lives of others.

How do people end up becoming a part of the Family of God?

Walk-ins

Program Attractions

Pastor's Attraction

Special Needs

Cold Evangelism Calls

Children's Ministries

Friends and Relatives

Why do people come into the Family of God?

- Is it because they are challenged to tithe?
- Is it because the Pastor challenged them to pick up their cross daily and follow Christ?
- Is it because they were challenged to "Go and make disciples of all Nations?"
- Is it because of the church's unswerving commitment to the truth of the Scripture?

**PEOPLE DO NOT CARE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW,
UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE.**

Before you have an important conversation, remove anything that may _____ you, so that you can focus and give the other person your full attention.

If you know that you won't be able to offer the other person your full attention – for example, if you're working on an urgent task – schedule a _____ time to speak.

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE:

Take one minute to:

- Tell as much about yourself as you can.
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- Tell one of the funniest or most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you.
- Tell who had a very strong influence on your life in what way.

Take one minute to:

- Tell the story of your church life.
- Tell about a difficult experience that brought you closer to Christ.