



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

### **Hearing God's Voice**

#### **Week 1: Ears to Hear**

**Luke 8:5-18 | August 2, 2020**

#### **Big Idea**

When it comes to hearing God's voice we need to make sure our ears tuned into him.

#### **Opening Questions**

1. Ahhh, the good old days of cassette tapes (or CDs/records/8-tracks/etc. depending on your generation)! Did you have a favorite album back in the day? What was it?
2. What are some questions or statements you have been exposed to recently that have stirred emotion in you? What was that emotion and why?

#### **General Sermon Thoughts/Questions**

1. There are many "frequencies" in the world to tune into. What are some of the competing "frequencies" that vie for the attention we should be giving to the Word of God?

#### **Key Scripture Questions**

1. Read **Luke 8:5 & 12**. The sermon presented people in this condition as those with "Plugged Ears". Who is working against the word of God per this passage to plug our ears?
2. Read **Luke 8:6 & 13**. The sermon presented people in this condition as those with "Immature Ears". Can you think of other symptoms of immature ears? Read **Colossians 6-8**. Per these verses what is a risk of immature ears? What are some things you can do to battle this?
3. Read **Luke 8:7 & 14**. The sermon presented people in this condition as those with "Worldly Ears", leading us to succumb to pressures and worries. What are some specific triggers that lead you toward anxiety or feelings of being under pressure? How might you be able to grow in this or continue to deal with them in a healthy way?
4. Read **Luke 8:8 & 15**. The sermon presented people in this condition as those with "Healthy Spiritual Ears". What is a promise the Lord indicates will be the result of having healthy spiritual ears and does that resonate with your experiences/observations?
5. Now that we have covered the four hearing conditions seen in this passage (plugged, immature, worldly, healthy) what is the result of your spiritual hearing checkup? If you tend to suffer from anything less than healthy spiritual ears, what is one thing you need to do to move toward more health or maintain and/or grow in the health you have?

#### **Application Questions**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon &/or our discussion?

2. What is something God wants you to now do?

3. Beyond prayer for each other is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

**Prayer Time**

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the ability to hear from you! We surrender our hearing condition to you. We ask that you would heal what needs healing in our ability to listen you! And I pray that you would protect the seed of Christ planted in us and would lead us in growing toward maturity in you and to help us to cast any anxiety upon you that may threaten that or distract me from that. Help us to hear you with increasing clarity. Amen!”