

LISTENING FOR GOD SPEAKING

1. On the "You've Got Something Important to Tell Me" Meter, rate the following by placing them next to 1 for low up to 8 for high on the meter for which of these has something important to say to YOU:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

- An advertisement on a billboard you are passing.
- A good friend's note passed along in class.
- A note from your Dad slipped under your bedroom door.
- A birthday card from a relative.
- A portion of Scripture you are reading today.
- A phone call solicitation.

2. Finish these Sparkplug Sentences:

I listen closer to someone if...

It is hard for me to pay attention when...

If I'm going to take something seriously, it had better...

3. A=Agree, D=Disagree. Circle A for agree and D for disagree.

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| Reading the Bible is about listening to God. | A | D |
| They call it God's Word because God wrote it. | A | D |
| God speaks to me personally in the Bible. | A | D |
| God has something to tell me today. | A | D |
| I would like to know how to read my Bible better. | A | D |

4. What do you suppose is the difference between studying the Bible and listening to the Bible?

5. Read 1 Samuel 3:2-10 and consider what Samuel had to do to hear God. What attitude could we adopt from Samuel in our daily lives? (Choose one.)

- We could all have more sleepovers in the church.
- We could take time daily to listen for God.
- We could ask God to speak to us when we read the Bible.
- We could go and ask the Eli's in our lives what to do.
- We could see ourselves as God's servants.
- We could make Samuel's words to God a part of every prayer we pray.

6. Try this: Read John 15:14-17. Listen to this passage as though Jesus is saying it to you personally. If this was a conversation, what would you want to say back to Jesus?