

Life Group Study: Week 9

11/10/2019 – *Unfiltered Listening*



Getting Started

This week we continued our series, *“Prophets, Priests, & Kings.”* In this series we are learning life lessons from some of the most important leaders and events in the Kingdom of Israel. This weekend Dre focused on the events that brought about the division of the kingdom. Remember to have a **journal** handy to write down your answers.

Study Questions

- 1) As you think back over this weekend’s message, was there anything that God highlighted for you personally?
- 2) This weekend Dre talked about *“unfiltered listening”* being a regular part of our rhythm with God. God has made each of us unique, and because of this, listening can look different for each of us. Do you have a regular time set aside to listen to God?
 - ➔ If yes, what does this time look like for you? Was it an easy or difficult process to find a way of listening that worked best for you? Explain.
 - ➔ If no, what is one step you can take to help make listening to God a regular part of your rhythm with Him?
- 3) Jesus himself modeled listening. Even in the midst of a busy ministry schedule Jesus often went to be alone so that He could listen to the Father’s voice. Read Mark 1:35-37. Then, read John 4:34.
 - ➔ It was Jesus’ “food” to do the will of the Father. Jesus says that His nourishment came from doing the will of the Father. How would your view of listening be impacted by seeing it as Jesus did (i.e. food)? Explain.
- 4) Dre also taught that when we aren’t spending time to have *“unfiltered listening”* we often fall into the trap of listening to “louder” voices in our life.
 - ➔ What are some of the common voices that you have listened to in the past that led you down a painful path? (i.e. bad friends, culture’s view on sexuality, childhood trauma, etc.)

5) King Rehoboam chose to listen to the counsel of the young men rather than the elders who helped his father, King Solomon. This choice ended up being disastrous for King Rehoboam and for the whole Kingdom of Israel.

➡ How would you describe the difference between these two types of counsel?

➡ Why do you think Rehoboam listened to the counsel of the young men rather than the counsel of the elders?

➡ Emotionally, put yourself in Rehoboam's situation. Why would you find the 'young' advice more tempting than the Godly counsel? Explain.

6) Truly wise counsel does not simply tell us "*what we want to hear*," but seeks out the voice of God on our behalf in order to help us hear Him. Read the following verses from Proverbs about listening to wise counsel.

- Proverbs 12:15
- Proverbs 15:22
- Proverbs 19:20-21
- Proverbs 27:5-6

➡ Which of these passages stuck out to you the most? Why do you think that is?

7) Dre closed the message with the question, *Are You Seeking Counsel That Is Listening?* How would you answer this right now? Why or why not?

➡ Have you ever received wise counsel from someone that you ultimately knew was right but whom you refused to listen to? What was that situation and the outcome?

8) Spend some time with the Lord. Take a few moments and just ask God if there is anything that He wants to say to you. Then spend a majority of this time just listening to Him. Journal anything that you hear - this could be a word, a phrase, a Bible verse, or a picture etc.