

Sermon Discussion Questions

All In - A Hearing Heart – Kim May
9 August 2026
Sermon Text: Psalm 46:10

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Relational Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

RELATIONAL TIME (20-30 min)

Have everyone in the group use one word to describe how they feel **p**hysically, **e**motionally, **m**entally, and **s**piritually (PEMS). (Physically I feel _____. Emotionally I feel _____. ...)

Have each person expand on one of the ways they are feeling by using the **IFAB** method: “**I** feel _____ **a**bout _____ **b**ecause _____.” (For example, “**I feel frustrated about the sudden change of plans because I rearranged my schedule for a different time.**”)

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

What if the answer to many of the questions we ask God isn’t found in doing more—but in becoming still enough to hear Him? We live in a world that constantly demands our attention. Work. Family. Responsibilities. Screens. Schedules. Even good things can fill our lives until there’s little room left to simply be with God. In this week’s message by Pastor Kim May, **A Hearing Heart**, we’re challenged to consider an important question: Are we more committed to doing things *for* God than being *with* God? Let’s dive in and discover what can happen when we quiet the noise, draw near to God, and learn to listen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What is something that stood out to you from the message this week?
2. We want God’s help when things are not going well. But do we want His presence all the time? Do we want to know Him by being still and listening in His presence? One-on-one? Heart-to-heart? Why do we feel hesitant or uncomfortable to just abide in His presence?
3. You cannot be a deep person unless you are in deep with God. What does it mean to be a deep person? How do we become deep people?
4. Moses valued God’s presence more than anything. “*Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.” Exodus 33:15* Is God’s presence more important to you than your call? Your ministry? Your schedules? Your responsibilities? Your _____?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. If you have school-aged children, how difficult is it for you to get back into the “school” routine?
2. What is one thing you remember as a child about starting school in the Fall?
3. What has been one highlight from your summer?

How important is God's presence in your own life? Are you satisfied or does there need to be more of His presence in your life?

5. Why do we neglect God's presence when it should be our number one priority? Is it unrealistic for God to ask and expect us to spend time with Him? Not just devotions and reading our Bible, but actually spending time in His presence to listen to Him?

6. Can we truly understand the Word of God without a discerning heart? How can we gain a discerning heart?

7. Jesus had many demands on His time and was always surrounded by crowds of people, yet He always found ways to be alone with the Father. (Luke 5:15-16) How might we find ways to retreat to lonely places to pray? Where do we find those places where we can be alone with God?

APPLICATION

This week do some soul-searching and think about where you stand regarding spending time in the presence of God. How are you doing? What do you need to overlook or set aside so you can really be with God? Where is your "lonely" place where you can be in God's presence? Is the Holy Spirit showing any area of your life where maybe a change is necessary so you can go "deep" with God? Are you willing to do whatever is necessary to spend time knowing God and spending time in His presence? Share with your group next week.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Family Sunday, 23 August. On Family Sunday our kids and students take over the church! From greeting, café, setup/teardown, and serving throughout the service, the next generation gets to use their gifts and lead with confidence. This is also a special Sunday where we gather as one big church family. Instead of separate kids' classes, everyone worships together as children, students, parents, grandparents, and adults. There are opportunities for all ages to jump in and serve, and nursery will be available for children ages 3 months–3 years. We hope your whole family will join us!

Join us directly after service at the Church building (7102 N Prospect Ave) for food, fellowship and fun! We will have free food, live DJ, games, face painting and a bounce house for the littles!

Sign up to serve here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CACA722AAAFAC25-family2#/>

Selah Brunch, 29 August, 9:00-11:00, New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave Gladstone, MO. Join the ladies of New Wine for a Saturday morning slowdown together! We'll have breakfast waiting as you hear a heartfelt message from our very own Maddy Slocum and enjoy a bonding activity together. Come as you are... We'll save you a seat!

HOME Church (Starting in September in Platte Woods, Gladstone, and Liberty). HOME Church is a vibrant, mid-sized community of 30 to 50 people meeting the third Wednesday of each month locally, right where you live. It's not a replacement of Sunday services or small groups, but a unique space where deep, authentic relationships grow organically through life-giving connections, spiritual encouragement, and unity. Rooted in Jesus' mission of "on earth as it is in heaven," Home Church pursues harmony to strengthen our gospel witness, grows naturally as an interconnected body, engages missionally by serving local communities, and fosters

encouragement through practical acts of care. These home churches become living expressions of heaven-on-earth communities equipped by the Holy Spirit to restore brokenness and spread God's kingdom. Come be a part of what God is doing as we seek to be fully known, fully loved, and fully equipped to impact our city. Go to <https://nwckc.com/home-church> for more information.

The Call - Men's Retreat, 9-10 October, Lake Maurer Retreat Center, Excelsior Springs, MO. The retreat begins Friday, October 9 at 3 PM and ends Saturday, October 10 at 3 PM, with guest speaker Ivan Freitas. Early bird registration ends 31 August.

For more details and registration: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+xjypw8p>

FINAL THOUGHT

**“The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people,
or gifted people, but for deep people.”**

Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth