

CrossPoint Community Guide

Ancient Practices: Listening to God | Competing Voices

DINNER & DELIGHT 45 minutes

- How did you encounter God this week? What have you heard the Holy Spirit speak as you've spent time in the *Listening to God* guide?

LEARN & STUDY 25 minutes

Read together: *Matthew 17v1-8, Ephesians 2v1-3*

- What command does God give the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration?
- How does Scripture describe the world and its influence on us?
- What does Galatians 5v16-17 speak to about the flesh being *relational resistance to God*?
- What is the devil's primary strategy to accomplish his purpose? (See John 8v44-45)

Take-home Truth – We are always listening to some voice, so we must learn which voices keep us from hearing the voice of Jesus.

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT 40 minutes

- Read Psalm 81v11-12. What do you want badly enough that you might resist what Jesus is saying?
- The world can sound wise. The flesh can sound reasonable. The devil can sound like self-protection. Which voice is most shaping the way you think and live? How so?
- What step can you take this week to listen and obey Jesus' voice?
- This week, engage in the ***Ancient Practices: Listening to God*** guide (week three). Scan the QR code for the digital guide.
 - What is God speaking to you?
 - What response are you resisting? How might you open your heart to listen?
 - Share with others how you're encountering God.



REFLECT & PRAY 10 minutes

- Pray for one another to discern the voices you are listening to and recenter your ears and hearts on Jesus' voice. Pray together:

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
To trust and obey him and show that we love him.
Open our ears Lord and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?

 **NEXT WEEK:** *2 Timothy 3v16-17, John 14v15-26*