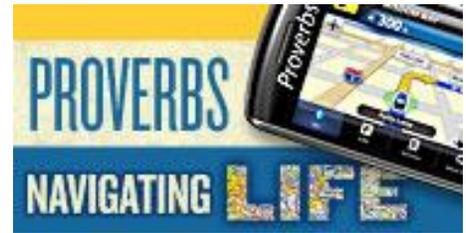


Growth Group Questions

Two Ears

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1. We hope you've been reading in Proverbs this week. Share with your group a Proverb from chapters 4-12 that intrigues you, encourages you, or warns you.
2. Who is a good listener in your life? Share how they hear you, and what you value about their listening.
3. Jesus is the best listener! Think about his interaction with the Samaritan woman in John 4.4-18. What can we learn and apply about listening well from this story?
4. If you could play back the video of a few recent conversations, what percent of the conversation did you talk? Listen? Look to James 1.19. Do you need to ask more questions about the *other* person and talk less about yourself, what you think and know? Do you need to be more open about what's happening in your life, letting people in?
5. There's something inside us that *sometimes likes* to hear bad news about others. Look at Proverbs 26.22, 20.19. How can you graciously yet clearly steer the conversation in a more edifying direction when someone begins gossiping? Bounce some practical ideas around.
6. Being heard and understood is a great relational experience. Listening is hard work. Stop texting. Turn off the TV. Take out the earphones. Put the newspaper down. Go out for a walk or a cup of coffee with someone this week, and listen well, Proverbs 20.5.

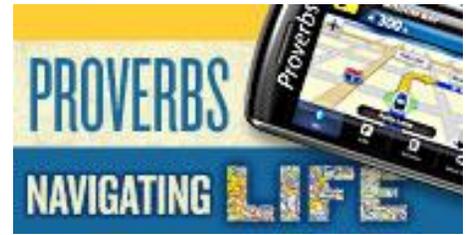
Growth Group Leaders and hosts: each Sunday in church we'd like to have a different person share a one minute insight God has given them in their daily Proverbs reading. Would you call or e-mail Mary (staff@paseodelrey.org) the day following your study with the name of someone who had a neat insight and may be willing to share the following Sunday?

Message Notes

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Ears that hear and eyes that see—
we get our basic equipment from GOD!

Proverbs 20.12 The Message Bible

1. Tune into _____

Proverbs 8.32-36
see also 4.20-21, 19.20, 23.19-23

2. Tune out _____

Proverbs 11.13, 26.20
see also 16.28, 18.8, 20.19

3. Listen to the _____ too

Proverbs 15.31
see also 3.11, 13.1, 17.19, 25.12

4. Listen, Love and _____

Proverbs 18.17

5. Listen for the _____ of One Another

Proverbs 20.5