

How To Listen To A Sermon

“Take care then how you hear.” - Luke 8:18a

1. LISTENING INVOLVES THE MESSAGE.

ASK: *How does what is being preached to me point me to what Jesus has done for me?*

PRAY: *“Father, make clear to me the Good News of Jesus in this sermon.” (Luke 8:11; Romans 10:17)*

2. LISTENING INVOLVES THE HEART.

ASK: *What is the condition of my heart? Am I desiring anything more than Christ?*

PRAY: *“Father, search my heart and see if there be any grievous way in me, granting me a good and honest heart to carefully hear this sermon.” (Luke 8:15; Psalm 139:23-24)*

3. LISTENING INVOLVES THE GRACE OF GOD.

ASK: *Am I pridefully presuming I am capable of hearing carefully in my own strength?*

PRAY: *“Father, in humility, would you provide me with ears to carefully hear this sermon.” (Luke 8:10; Psalm 40:6)*

4. LISTENING INVOLVES THE RESPONSE.

ASK: *With whom can I share what I have heard preached? How can I specifically and freely apply what I have heard preached?*

PRAY: *“Father, for your glory, would you enable me to share and obey what I have heard preached.” (Luke 8:16, 21; James 1:22; Philemon 1:6)*