

Sermon Title: When God Speaks- Tuning In
Sermon Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, Romans 12:1-2



Sermon Discussion Guide (5/17)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Luke 10:38-42 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In these verses, what contrast is present between the actions of Martha and the actions of Mary? How does this contrast help us to better understand the main theme of this passage?

In verse 40, what do Martha's words reveal about the order of her priorities? In other words, what do these words reveal about what is most important to Martha? How do Martha's words display or not display her living a life of loving God and loving her neighbor?

What do you notice about Jesus's reply to Martha in verses 41-42? What invitation does Jesus offer to Martha?

Read Romans 12:1-2. What does the word "conform" mean? How can conforming to the world keep us from being transformed by God?

Application

One of the greatest challenges to hearing God's voice is the distractions and busyness of our lives. Personally, why do you experience a draw towards distraction, busyness, and productivity? What makes it hard for you to slow down and focus your attention on God?

Whatever has my attention is forming me. What things in your life currently have your attention? How might these things be forming you? How might God be inviting you to surrender these things to Him so that you can focus on the One that matters?

In Pastor Kenny's sermon, he said that according to our recent Abiding Survey, people in discipleship bands were significantly more likely to describe Scripture and Prayer as shaping their lives and faith. Are you in a discipleship band? If so, how is that shaping your faith? If you are not in a discipleship band, what is keeping you from participating in one? [If you sense God leading you to join a discipleship band, email Minister of Discipleship, Mattie Bryant, at mattie.bryant@cantonfmc.org and she will get you connected.]

In Pastor Kenny's sermon, he provided us with 3 practices to re-tune our souls to God a) Start with silence b) Get the Scripture in you c) Pay attention to holy disruptions. Which of these three practices do you sense God inviting you to more fully engage in? What is one step you will take this week to incorporate this practice into your daily life?

Prayer

God, tune my soul to hear Your voice. [Then, take 10 minutes of silence to listen for God to speak to you.]