

Worshiping in Spirit and Truth: Listening to God's Word

Sunday, September 4

Listening to God's Word in Truth:

- What is the scriptural basis for our listening to messages regarding God's word when we gather to worship?
(2 Timothy 4: 1 – 2; Acts 20: 7)
- How would you describe the objective of listening to God's word when we gather to worship? What is the intended outcome?
- How would you describe the difference between **listening** and **learning**? (Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 5)
- What is our responsibility in ensuring that we are receiving the truth of God's word when we gather to worship (as opposed to false teaching)?
(1 John 4: 1; 2 Timothy 4: 3 – 4)
- How should we respond if the one presenting the message is in error?
Consider the example of Aquilla and Priscilla correcting Apollos as recorded in Acts 18: 24 – 28.

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Wednesday, September 7

Listening to God's Word in Spirit:

Reference: Acts 20: 7 – 12

Referencing the account of Paul teaching in Troas (Acts 20: 7 – 12), we will discuss what it means to listen to God's word in spirit by considering actions we can take before, during and after the lesson.

- **Before:** How do we prepare to listen to the message?
 - What actions can we take before the worship service to prepare ourselves to listen and learn from God's word?

- **During:** What do we do while we listen to the lesson to remain engaged and learn from God's word?
 - What is the most significant challenge to staying focused during a sermon?
 - What actions can we take to filter out distractors that negatively impact our ability to listen and learn?

- **After:** What opportunities do we create after hearing a lesson to reinforce and apply the message?
 - What techniques can we employ to reflect on the lesson after worship service?
 - What actions can help us to focus on applying the lesson?