



## Are We Listening to God?

Dear Group Leader,

It is vitally important that families seek the guidance of God in all things. Praying to God for that guidance is one thing, but actually searching for that guidance is another. There is no greater way to know God's will than to spend time listening to God as he speaks to us through the Scriptures. What role does Scripture play in our families?

Peace,  
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### INTRODUCTION

1. What is your favorite Scripture?
2. Does anyone have a family Bible? If so, what kind?

**LET IT DWELL**      Read Colossians 3:16

1. What does Paul mean when he writes, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly?"
2. How can you help the word of Christ dwell inside you and your family?  
*It is going to take more than just opening the Bible on Sundays!*

**USEFUL FOR...**      Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. Why does Paul think Timothy knows Scripture so well?
2. We all know that Scripture is inspired by God, but for what? Why is it inspired? What is its purpose?  
*John Ortberg, in The Life You've Always Wanted, writes, "Paul does not say that the purpose of knowing Scripture is to enable us, when we get to Heaven, to get a 100 score on the entrance exam. He says the purpose is for us to become equipped for good works. Or, to put it another way, it is for us to become transformed into the kind of people from whom goodness flows like an unceasing stream of water."*

**ADDICTED TO THE WORD**      Read Psalm 119:9-16

*Love for the word and commands of God are found all through Psalm 119. Feel free to re-view them with your group.*

1. If someone were to ask you to write about God's word is this what it would sound like?
2. If someone were to describe your family's relationship with the Bible is this how they would describe it?
3. What can we do in our families to help create this kind of love for God's word?



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### FINAL THOUGHTS

*As you read through these different text notice the emphasis placed on listening to the Lord.  
Take time to get thoughts from group members as you read each text.*

1. Deuteronomy 30:19-20
2. Proverbs 1:1-7
3. John 10:24-30
4. James 1:22-25