



## Sermon-Based Study Guide | Menlo.Church

This guide is designed to guide a group discussion around the weekend sermon. You can also use this as an individual, but we highly recommend finding a friend and inviting them to discuss with you. Menlo Church has Life Groups meeting in-person and online using these guides. We'd love to help you find a group: [Click here for our group finder.](#)

### What you will find in this guide:

A discussion guide for groups and individuals. If you are using this as an individual be sure to engage with each question in a journal or simply in your mind as you prayerfully consider what you heard in the sermon and seek to discover what God is inviting you to know and do.

## Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Groups and Individuals

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Hearing God: Listening For Guidance

Every group is different; please choose the questions that relate best to your group, and don't feel like you must get to every question.

### Connect

- What do you do when you need to make a big decision? (for example: make a pros/cons list, talk to a mentor, flip a coin, etc.)
- What is a passage of scripture that brings peace to you when facing a big decision?

### Engage

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

- What do these verses teach us about our relationship to God?
- What does trust in God lead to for us?
- How does this trust form us as people?
- What is our temptation in these verses?
- What is a way in which we can practically trust and acknowledge God in our everyday lives?

### Apply

- Scott talked about our need for 'holy indifference'. How would you describe practicing holy indifference in your life?
- What makes it difficult for you to trust in God?
- What practice or concept from this series of listening to God has encouraged you?
- What practice or concept from this series of listening to God has challenged you?

## Prayer

Give space for anyone in your group to share if they are seeking guidance about something in their life. Ask them if the group can hold them in prayer. After everyone has had space to share, sit in a few minutes of silence and listening. Have one person close your time by saying this prayer:

*Blessed God, who is ever near to us  
Lead us, guide us, and be our refuge  
We give ourselves to you and your will  
Help us to listen and to discern your voice  
Amen*

## Going Deeper

### Sermon Series Resources:

Check out our resource page for Hearing God. You will find a listening prayer resource, book list, and videos to help you in learning about Hearing God.

<https://menlo.church/hearing-god>

### Menlo Midweek Podcast:

Tune in every Wednesday for a conversation with the previous week's speaker. It's a deeper dive into the message and an engaging time to learn, reflect, grow—and have fun. Join us as we journey through the Unlikely Witness sermon series together!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/menlo-church-sermon-podcast/id129950807>