



## 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

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

- How would you say that you hear from God?
- Who in your life has helped you to pray or to listen to God?

### Engage

Read Hebrews 1:1-3

- What ways has God spoken to people throughout history, as highlighted in these verses?
- What does this passage teach us about Jesus?
- What does this passage teach us about prayer?

### Apply

- How have scripture and the role of mentors been influences in your learning to pray?
- "Prayer is a living conversation with a loving God, which means that we must listen as well as talk." - **Pete Greig** Do you incorporate listening into your prayer life? What are some ways in which you practice listening for God in your life?
- What are your base thoughts on the character of God? Does it match up to the fruit of the Spirit as seen in Galatians 5:22-23?
- Have you ever thought about prayer as conversation?

## Prayer

*“Prayer is a living conversation with a loving God, which means that we must listen as well as talk.” - Pete Greig*

Spend some time as a group sharing your prayer requests and focus on really listening to each person share. Then, instead of praying out loud, spend a few minutes in silence. Use this space to listen to God and to silently pray for any request that stood out to you. After a few minutes, end your time in prayer or the reading of Psalm 23.

To go deeper into Listening in Relationship with God, go to our Listening Prayer Resource:  
<https://menlo.church/hearing-god>

## 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 Meditations:

Listen daily to a short meditation upon scripture. They are designed to help you slow down and remember that God is with you.

<https://menlo.church/menlo-meditations>

### 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!

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