



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Learning to Listen Well

1. What has been your biggest obstacle to reading the Bible consistently? Did you hear your experience reflected in any of the common answers shared today?
2. Which of the unhealthy uses of Scripture — weapon, excuse, fortune cookie, proof text, placeholder — have you seen most often? Have you ever caught yourself using it that way?
3. The window and mirror illustration described how pride turns Bible study into self-confirmation rather than an encounter with God. Where in your own life do you find it hardest to come to Scripture without already knowing what you want it to say?
4. Why is studying the Bible in community so important? Can you think of a time when someone else's perspective on a passage helped you see something you would have missed on your own?
5. In your own words, what is the difference between Observation, Interpretation, and Application? Why does the order matter?
6. Interpretation is not subjective — there is generally one meaning the author intended. How does that change the way you think about Bible study? Does it feel freeing or challenging?
7. The sanding illustration described observation as a process of returning to the text until you reach a “smooth” reading. How does that kind of patience sit with you? What would it look like to practice that in your own study?
8. Think about the Head, Heart, and Hands framework for application. Which of those three tends to be your strongest? Which one do you most often skip over?