

September 4, 2016  
Series: Following Jesus  
Part One: Following Jesus Changes How I Listen to Sermons  
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1. How would it affect our lives if we daily heard Jesus call to us, “Follow me”?
2. Read Matthew 7:13-14. What are some ways we can think of the words, “broad is the road that leads to destruction” and “small is the road that leads to life”?
3. Why do only a few find the narrow path when all are invited?
4. What are the four kind of listeners Ted listed? (**Critiquing Listener, Distracted Listener, Debating Listener, and Attentive Listener**) Have you been one or all of these? Which do you tend to be as a general rule?
5. In what ways do we refuse to listen to what we need to hear?
6. Is there ever a time that critiquing is helpful? In what ways has being critical moved you away from Jesus?
7. Have you ever wondered who was speaking at WHFC on any given Sunday, hoping for a particular speaker?
8. Have you thought to ask, “What will you teach me today, Dear Father, Sovereign Lord?” What did God teach you in Sunday’s sermon?
9. When listening to a sermon, what kinds of things distract you?
10. Do you tend to be an attentive listener, not only at church, but at home with your family and friends?
11. Debating can provide different viewpoints and give one much to consider, aiding intellectual and spiritual growth, but how can it also delay and even prevent God’s work in your life?
12. Read Acts 17:32-34 and list the three ways people heard or responded to the gospel. (**Sneer, question (wanting to hear again), and follow.**) Have you ever known someone who sneered at the gospel or some aspect of it, and if so, how did you deal with him or her?

13. "Call to me," God says through Jeremiah, "and I will answer you and teach you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:2-3). What is a question you've struggled with and what is the answer you've found. Or does the question remain and you've learned more about what it is to walk by faith?