

## **Listening to God in Small Groups**

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### **The challenge of listening to God together ...**

*We often are not creating environments that are safe.*

*We don't know how to listen.*

Hebrews 10:24-25

Hebrews 4:7-8

### **What often happens in a small group when listening and receiving one another is not central?**

People shut down.

People compete or perform

### **How do we move forward?**

#### **Creating safe space together.**

*Identifying and releasing old patterns.*

*Communicating clear expectations and structure (at least for a while).*

*"Practicing" listening to one another ...*

1. Freedom in Sharing
2. Attentive Listening
3. Responding with Grace

## **Cultivating Listening Skills (with God and one another)**

1. Getting comfortable with Silence
2. Letting go of our immediate responses and in order to be present
3. Listening to God
4. Sifting in prayer what is for the person and what is not.
5. Offering a response that is invitational

*WAIT ... Why.Am.I.Talking?*

*Resource: Life with God (from Grafted Life) ... a 6 semester group experience that walks through formational content in formational ways; groups learn how to listen to God and one another together*