



Go and...!

April 28, 2022



Agenda

- Theme of the day – Listen
- Spiritual practices – Dwelling in the Word Act 16
- Story sharing – Bishop Dwayne D. Royster
- Encouraging action - One-to-Ones - What new practices are we embracing?

LISTEN

CENTERING TIME - LET'S PRAY



LISTENING TO GOD,
TO ONE ANOTHER, AND
TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Dwelling in the Word Acts 16:6-15 (NIV)

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.



During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

Dwelling in the Word Acts 16:6-15 (NIV)

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.



One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Dwelling in the Word - Breakout groups



**Go
and...!**

- 1. What catches your attention in this passage?**
- 2. What are we hearing as a group through this passage?**

Listen - Breakout groups



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What might God be inviting us through this passage?

Where might the Spirit be sending us?



A Practice that Transforms Us

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One-to-One Relational Meetings



One-to-One Relational Meeting

let's

listen

to one another.



Listen - One-to-One



**Go
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**How was this
experience for you?**

Co-Creating with God

Listening Questions

What practices and actions are **Go and...** generating in your context?



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Resources

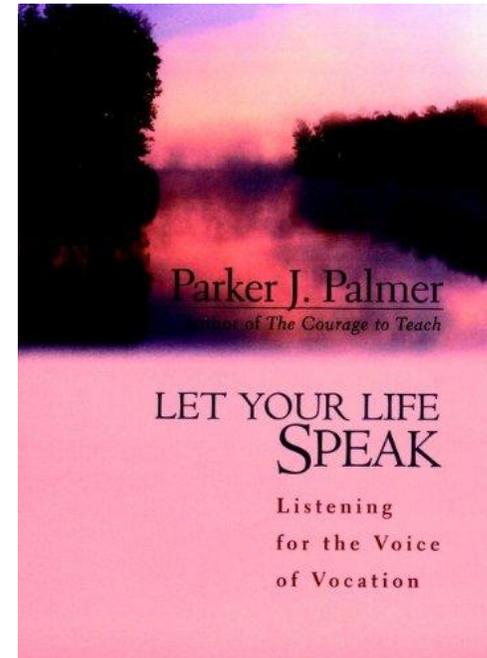
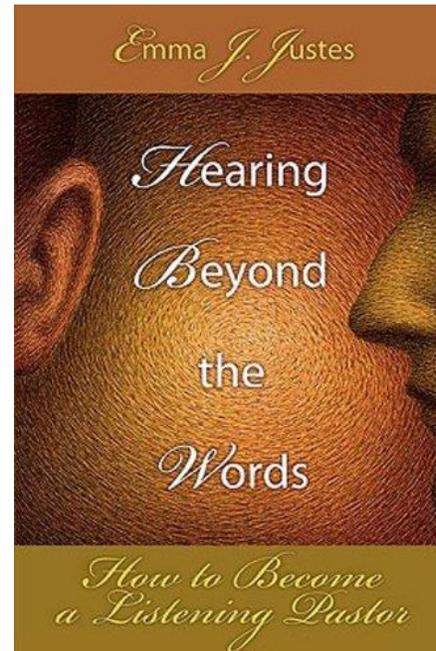
Dwelling in the Word: Act 16: 6-15

Spiritual Practices: Listen

Books:

Hearing Beyond the Words: How to Become a Listening Pastor by Emma Justes

Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation by Parker Palmer



Sending



God is cracking open the Church to go and...



Pray

Listen

Try Something

Be with &
Love Neighbors

Meet new People

Serve & Witness

Join us for our next virtual gathering on Zoom

May 26, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

A photograph of two young Black women kissing on the cheek in a crowded outdoor setting. The woman on the left has curly hair and is wearing a white top. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a dark top with a choker. The background is blurred, showing other people and structures. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in white serif font in the center.

Thank you!