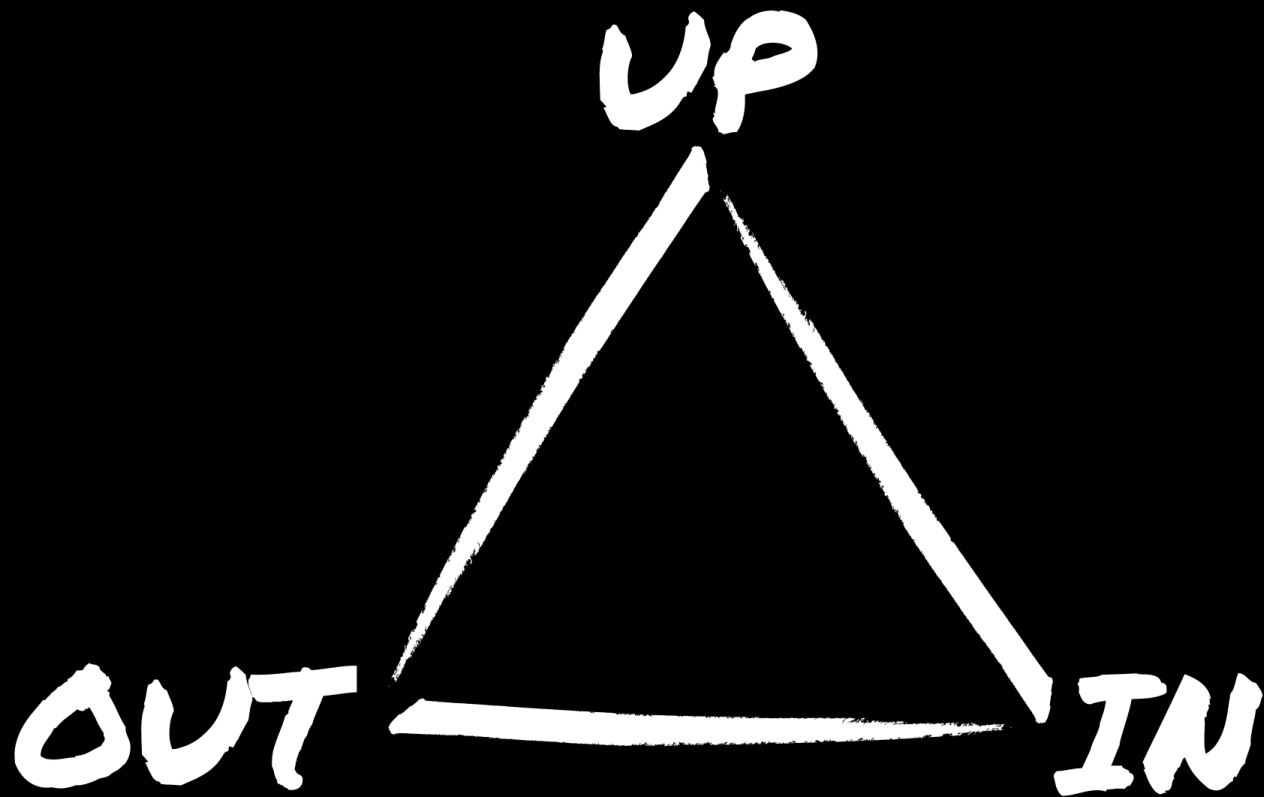


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# Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—

<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.

<sup>7</sup> May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

To take notice of and act on what someone says; respond to advice or a request. To make an effort to hear something; be alert and ready to hear something.

# LISTEN



# Why Listen?

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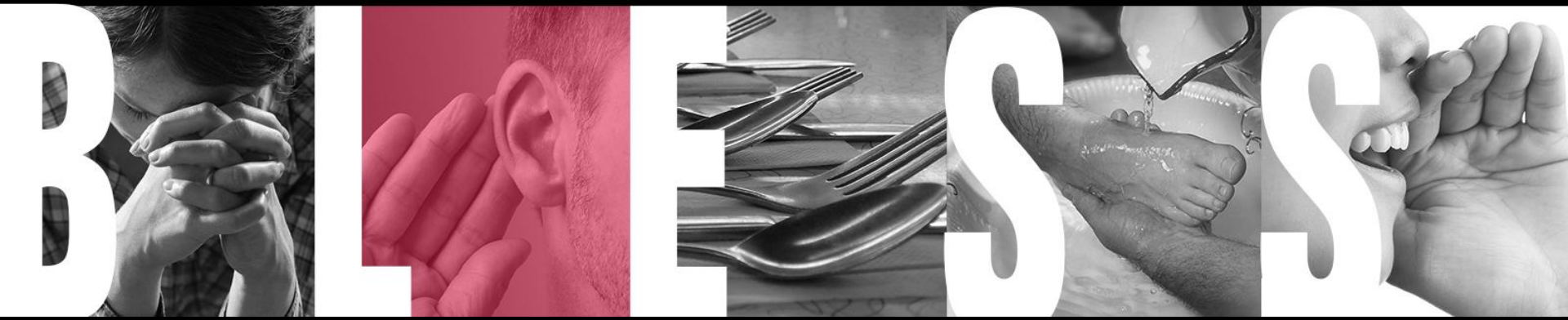


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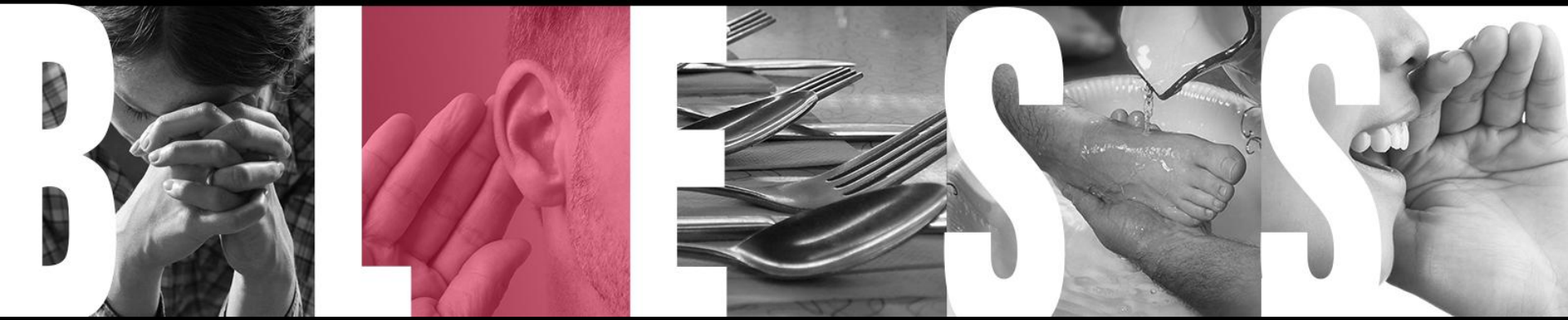
- 1) We seem to be known as “telling” people.
- 2) Listening is a skill Jesus had and used.



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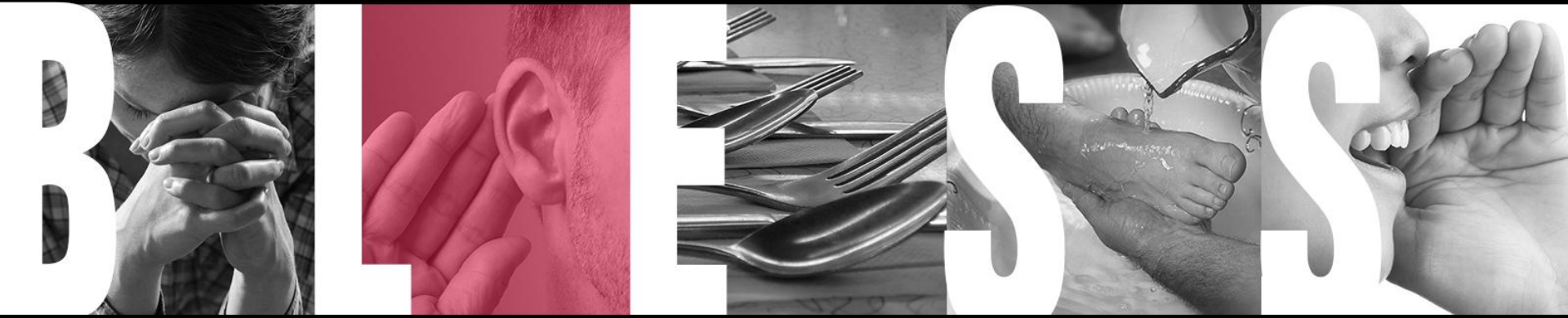
Jesus “notices.”  
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Jesus is in search of a conversation. This is because [he] wants a personal relation with people rather than an impersonal relation with “cases.” Jesus does not want to heal “on demand” if this should mean routine service, perfunctory help, faceless mercy, or charity cases.

Dale Bruner

Jesus “notices.”  
Jesus asks questions.  
Jesus engages emotionally.



Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:35-36



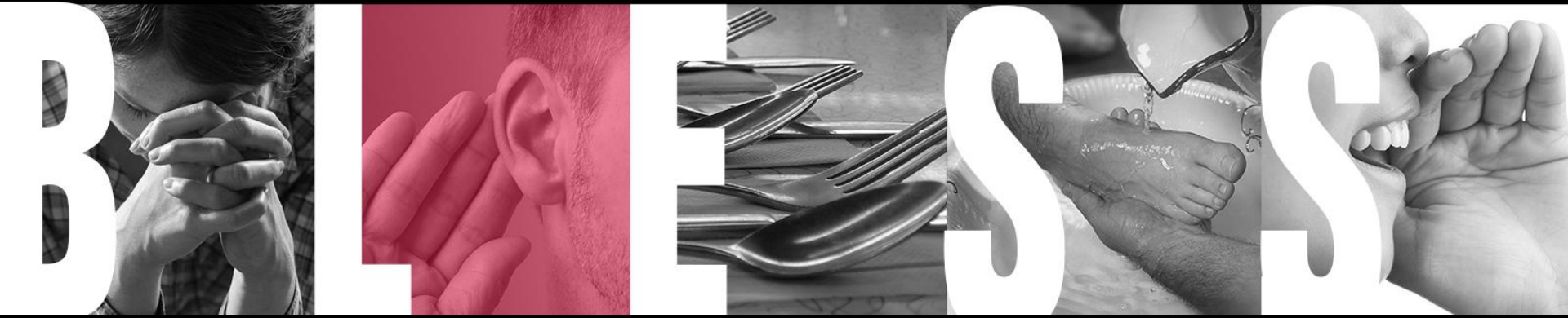
# Listening Well

## 1) Active Listening



The strongest emotion I felt this week was \_\_\_\_\_

I felt that way when \_\_\_\_\_



# Listening Well

- 1) Active Listening
- 2) No Agenda, No Control,  
No Judgement



When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Matthew 10:19–20

Essentially, we are sending this message: Not only do we not endorse your point of view, we also don't accept you. This lack of acceptance crushes opportunities for spiritual conversations. Acceptance does not mean endorsement. When we confuse the two, we destroy the very space God wants to work in.

Doug Pollock, *Godspace*

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“here to listen...”

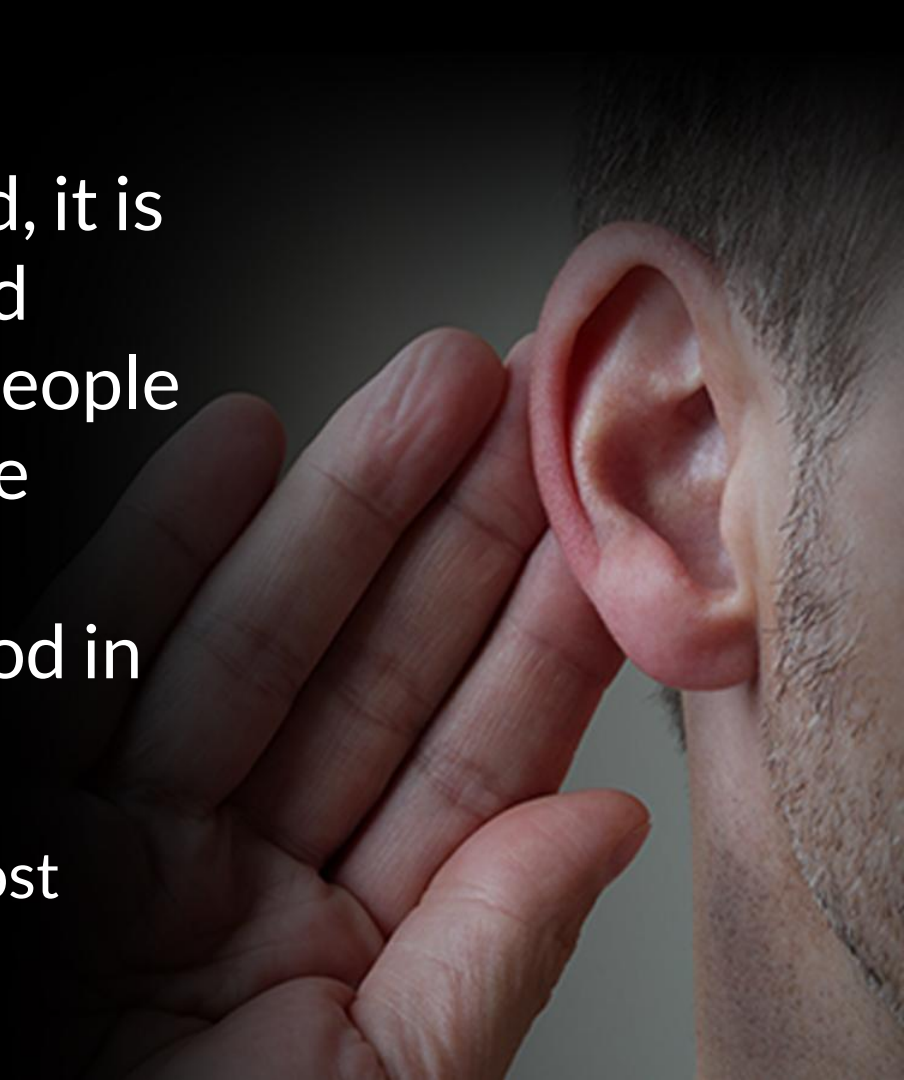
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Listen to your neighborhood, it is telling you--if you listen hard enough--how to [bless the people who live there], how to serve them, how to unleash an awareness of the reign of God in that place.

Michael Frost



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