

Sermon Notes Page
Listen – Praying in a Noisy World
Week #3 – A Trusted Mentor
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Psalm 139:1-10
John 10:1-7

- Listen, Praying in a Noisy World – Bishop Reuben P. Job
 - Google the book title or check with the church office.
 - Learning to listen – “The remedy lies in learning again the habit of listening to God in all things and at all times (p. 5)
 - Weekly Prayer Practice #1 – Sitting in Silence
 - My Prayer Practice times:
 - Morning time: _____
 - Evening time: _____
- Week #2 – Giving God our Fears, Needs, and Hopes:
 - Fear drains us.
 - Needs drive us.
 - Hopes distract us.
 - Take the time to release at least one fear, one need, and one hope each day.
 - Release the residue – the pieces of those things we give away that we want to hold on to.
- Week #3 – A Trusted Mentor
 - We don’t listen well.
 - We are trying to respond.
 - We are trying to be clever.
 - We are trying to share our story/opinion/point of view.
 - A mentor is someone we *listen to*.
 - John 10:2-4 – Jesus calls us SHEEP!
 - We can’t see the danger around us.
 - We need to get to know the voice of the shepherd.
 - Prayer – the way we get to know the voice of the shepherd.
 - Prayer is the way we *intentionally listen* for God.
 - Intentionally listening for God quiets the noise of our fears, needs, and hopes.
 - “Our failure to hear his voice when we want to is due to the fact that we do not in general want to hear it, that we want it only when we think we need it.” – Dallas Willard, *Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God*.
 - Invitation to listen prayer – p. 55 in the Book, Listen – Praying in a Noisy World.
 - Release a Fear
 - Release a Need
 - Release a Hope
 - Now listen. Really listen.