Learning to Listen to God

Part 1

This is a survey of your listening skills. For each statement, choose a point on the line that best represents you.

When I enter a conversation, I am more ready to listen than to talk.

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I am able to remain focused and avoid interruptions while I am listening.

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I use good posture while listening to help me stay focused on the conversation.

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I listen with an open mind and heart.

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I want to listen in order to learn.

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I delay judgment while listening.

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I consider that the speaker might know something that I don’t know.

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When I am unsure of what I have heard, I try to repeat the idea back to the speaker to check for understanding.

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When I understand what was said, I take responsibility for my understanding by acting appropriately upon this knowledge.

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I am able to empathize with the one who is speaking.

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Based on this survey, do you consider yourself to be a good listener? Explain your answer.

Part 2

Discuss each of the statements from part 1, and your responses, with your group. Then answer the following questions**.**

How can you apply some or all of the statements in the survey to listening to God?

Which of the statements from part 1 is most important to remember when trying to listen to God’s voice in your life? Why did you choose this statement?

As a group, write a description of the most important skills you need to develop in order to listen to God. You will share this description with the class.