

Sermon Title: L: LISTEN WITH INTENTION

Date: January 19, 2025 - Luke 18:35-42

Central Idea: To B.L.E.S.S. your neighbor, Jesus invites you to listen. Are you willing to listen?

Introduction:

Listening moves us forward in our relationships as God uses us to bless others and change their lives. It is the next step in loving your neighbors and helping them know the love of God. Any relationship starts with listening to someone's words and life. True listening may be the kindest and most loving gift you can give someone.

- The four H's of listening
 - History
 - Heart
 - Habits
 - Hurts

- Jesus as a listener
Luke 18:35-43

- Listening to the Heart
Proverbs 18:13

- The four P's of a place
 - Pain
 - Pennies
 - Power
 - Parties

Conclusion:

When it comes to blessing your neighbor, friends, or co-workers, I want to challenge you to listen with intention. You need to first listen to understand their hurts, their fears, their dreams, their disappointments, their hopes, and their longings. We cannot bless the world without listening to people. Are you willing to listen?