

better together ~ Part 3

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. James 1:19 NLT

1. _____ to _____

2. _____ to _____

Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6 (GW)

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)

3. _____ to _____

Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. James 1:20 NLT

Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. James 1:19 (MSG)

Journey Group Discussion

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Quick to Listen... Slow to Speak... Slow to Anger

Read James 1:19

- What situations do you tend to not listen as well in?
- How can you be quicker to listen?

We talked about Active Listening:

Remember what **active listening** looks like?

- Keep eye contact.
 - Listen to body language.
 - Resist the urge to prepare a response.
 - Reflect what you've heard.
 - Ask clarifying questions.
- Which one(s) of these do you struggle with most?
 - Who do you need to listen to today?

Read Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:29

- How does being quick to listen and slow to speak help you respond in a better, more biblical and graceful way?

Read James 1:20

- How can we be more unoffendable?