

1. Have you ever had a conversation with someone who you knew wasn't listening? How did it make you feel? Why can it be so hard to listen well to another person?
2. Read the following passages. How is listening modeled in all of them?
 - a. Psalm 55:22
 - b. Acts 17:16–34
 - c. Luke 18:35–43
3. Why is listening so powerful in relationships (James 1:19–21)? How does listening help us avoid foolishness (Prov 18:2)? In what ways does listening make a person wise (Prov 1:5; 21:28)?
4. How does listening well open doors in Mark 5:24b–34? Brainstorm some ideas for how you can listen well in relationship with those on your FRANCO list. How can you integrate TIPS (Trust, Interests, Pain Points, and Spiritual Stories) into your conversations? How will this contribute to building the relationship?
5. Review the included list of listening questions and make plans to put listening into practice in your relationships this week!

10 QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU LISTEN TO OTHERS

Missional work starts and ends with relationship. Conversations create the backbone of healthy relationships. However, we've found, many people struggle to have meaningful conversations and take the posture of a curious listener with the other person (and not ourselves) at the center.

We've found these questions to be a helpful place to start, and encourage disciples to engage at least one conversation a week with questions like these.

1. What was good about your week? Why? How did it make you feel?
2. What are you thankful for from this past week?
3. What has brought you the most excitement lately? Why?
4. What was difficult about your week? Why? How did it make you feel?
5. What are you learning these days?
6. What has made you feel worried or frustrated this week? Why? How did you deal with it?
7. What has made you feel sad this week? Why? How did you deal with it?
8. What was growing up like for you?
9. What advice would you give me? I'm struggling with _____.
10. _____.

What would you add? You could probably make this list 20 items long as you think about specific people in your life.

