

Really Listen

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain; Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look

Life in the Silicon Valley is busy. It's hard to find someone that isn't busy. Even the kids are busy. In a life overflowing with task lists, events and a torrent of information, it can be ironically be a very isolating experience when no one has the time to listen to you.

1. How many people in your life actually take the time to listen to you? Who are the key people?
2. What does it feel like to have someone really take the time to listen to you?
3. How many people do you purposefully take the time to listen to?

Book

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration is a pivotal event in the gospels. It represents a shift in the way the disciples see Jesus.

1. What sort of shift takes place in the disciples understanding of who Jesus is?
2. Prior to this event, how might the disciples not been really listening to Jesus?
3. What do you suppose Moses, Elijah and Jesus were talking about?

Took

Really listening is about more than giving someone else a turn. It's the first step in opening yourself up to real transformation. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, we have an opportunity to create a space in our hearts to really listen for 40 days.

1. Who is someone in your life that you want to really listen to more than you currently are?
2. What aspect of your life do you hope that really listening to God could bring wisdom and hope?
3. How can you support each other in your covenant group in a practice of really listening?