

## **NEXT LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

### **JAMES 1:19–20, 22–26, EPHESIANS 4**

#### **Effective communication begins with God**

1. God communicates with us
  - a. General Revelation
    - i. Psalm 19:1–2
    - ii. Romans 1:20
  - b. Special Revelation
    - i. Old Testament
    - ii. New Testament
      1. Word of God: 2 Timothy 3:16–17
      2. Jesus Christ: Hebrews 1:1–3
2. How does this apply to us?
  - a. Slow down and listen to God
  - b. Slow down and listen to others
  - c. Listen to understand
  - d. Practice maturity & humility
  - e. Be present

#### **Questions for Groups and Individual Bible Study**

##### ***For Starters***

- What is your favorite way to communicate? How many media platforms of communication do you use? Why? How effective are those platforms?

##### ***The Basics***

- Read Psalm 19:1–2 and Romans 1:20. What does this tell us about God and His communication? What is He telling us?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17 and Hebrews 1:1–3: What is so incredible about these “special revelations”? What is God telling us?

##### ***Quick-Fire Round***

- Go to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and search using the term, “listen”. What do you observe from all the verses that pop up?
- Read James 1:19–20. What is the principle here? Why is it actually hard to do? Read James 1:22–26. What do you observe?
- Read Proverbs 2:2–5 and Ephesians 4:15–32: What is in these verses that can help you take your relationships to the next level?
- Read Matthew 1:23: What do you need to do to be more present in your relationships and for your communication?

***Memory Verse:*** James 1:19: *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.*