

TUNE IN.



PART 4: THE VOICES WE LISTEN TO

SMALL GROUPS

 CONVERSATION GUIDE

The series *Tune In – Listening to God’s Voice* reminds us that hearing the Lord’s voice requires openness and spiritual sensitivity. It’s not always easy to discern which decision to make or which path to follow, but God has given us resources that help us tune in more clearly. One of those resources is seeking wise counsel from others.

In **1 Kings 12:3-5 (NLT)** we see how the people of Israel came to King Rehoboam with a legitimate request. At that key moment, the king had the opportunity to listen, consider, and seek advice before making a decision that would shape the future of the entire nation. This scene teaches us that often, listening to God’s voice also means being willing to receive guidance and wisdom from those around us.

God speaks through His Word and His Spirit, but also through wise and godly counsel. Ignoring this channel leaves us vulnerable to mistakes, while seeking godly advice helps us tune in more clearly to what God wants to say.

 MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- Think about an important decision you need to make. Who could you go to for wise and biblical advice?
- Commit this week to seek the guidance of a mature believer before making a key decision.
- Make a list of three people in your life that you consider to be sources of wise counsel and ask God for discernment to know when to turn to them.

The leaders of Israel summoned him, and Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel went to speak with Rehoboam. “Your father was a hard master,” they said. “Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects.” Rehoboam replied, “Give me three days to think this over. Then come back for my answer.” So the people went away.

 **1 Kings 12:3-5 (NLT)**

TALK ABOUT IT

- What do you notice about the people's attitude when they approached King Rehoboam?
- What opportunities did Rehoboam have to seek wise counsel?
- Why do you think we sometimes resist asking others for advice?
- How does **Proverbs 12:15** confirm the importance of seeking advice rather than relying only on ourselves?
- How can you discern between human advice and counsel guided by God?
- Can you share a personal experience where wise counsel helped you hear God's voice more clearly?

 **We tune in better to God's voice by seeking wise counsel from others.**

LET'S REFLECT

"Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others."

 **Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)**

PRAYER

Lord, thank You because You never leave us alone in our decisions. Teach us to be humble, to listen, and to value the wise counsel of those around us. Help us recognize Your voice through them, so we may make decisions that honor Your will. Amen.

TIPS

- Look for mature believers with proven character and testimony as counselors in your life.
- Before asking for advice, pray and ask God to guide you to the right person.
- Remember that wise counsel NEVER contradicts God's Word.
- Don't just receive advice: be available to be a channel of wisdom to others when you are grounded in the Word of God.

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