

## **LISTENING GUIDE**

### **Mark 10:17-27 – Jesus Amazing Love is Tough**

1. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The most \_\_\_\_\_ question ever: “What must I do to inherit \_\_\_\_\_ life?”
3. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts that needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus’s amazing \_\_\_\_\_ is also \_\_\_\_\_ to expose and extract this spiritual cancer.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the one thing I lack. (My roadblock/cancer.)
6. Jesus tells me to \_\_\_\_\_ him to...
  1. See his \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. See \_\_\_\_\_ outpoured.
  3. See the grave is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ defeated.
  4. Know the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
7. I can walk away \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus has done the \_\_\_\_\_.

# **LIFE**GROUPS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP.  
BRING THIS SHEET AND A BIBLE WITH YOU TO YOUR LIFE GROUP.



### **WARM UP**

**If you could play any instrument in the world, what would you play?**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Bible includes more than four hundred references to singing, and more than fifty direct commands to praise God by singing to and about him. Obviously, the writers of Scripture saw singing to God as an important part of our Christian life!

### **INTO GOD'S WORD**

Read Psalm 33:1-2, 68:4, 96:1-3, 98:1, 149:1.

**What does God command us to do?**

**How do you personally respond to this command to sing?**

**What do you experience during congregational singing – joy, fear, self-consciousness, freedom?**

Commands can be challenging and frustrating. We always struggle to obey, and we rejoice in Christ's forgiveness. It relieves some pressure to know we were created to sing. We are all singers. Regardless of our ability to carry a note, God made us to sing along with all of creation, and he cares far more about the posture of our heart than our talent.

*Quote:* "While we may have choirs within our churches made up of voices who have expertise and ability, the congregation of a church is the ultimate choir, and it is without auditions – every can be in it and should be in it." (*Sing!* Getty, Keith and Kristyn, p.3)

*Quote:* "Some people do have a special gift of singing every note slightly off pitch (which is, ironically, very hard to do). Since we sing to encourage and praise, not to impress and earn praise, we can smile about that and sing anyway." (*Sing!* Getty, Keith and Kristyn, p.4)

Read Colossians 3:16. **What descriptors does God's Word use to describe the singing we have been commanded to do?**

## ***INTO MY LIFE***

**Can you recall your earliest memory of singing? How did it make you feel?**

**What kind of "practice" might your church do to help members feel more confident, less self-aware, and more engaged in hymn singing?**

Quote: “So as we obey the command to sing, we are (or should be) unleashing a congregational sound of conviction – whether there are a dozen of us or thousands of us. If we aren’t, our children or visitors looking on have every right to wonder if what we are singing is truly important to us.” (*Sing!* Getty, Keith and Kristyn, p.18-19)

**Discuss the quote above.**

**How do you feel about singing not only songs you like, but songs you need to sing?**

**What types of things would help an individual (i.e. you) cultivate singing with intentional thankfulness?**

**SHARING & PRAYER**

Your prayer requests:

