INTRO

Has selective hearing ever gotten you or someone you know in trouble?

DISCUSSION

1. Why is it so easy to dismiss things we don’t want to hear?

2. Jesus often said at the end of His parables, “He who has an ear, let him hear.” What does that metaphor mean? What is the difference between “having an ear” and “not having an ear”?

3. We often want God to speak loudly, clearly, and dramatically in our lives. Do you think it’s possible that He has, and you just haven’t had ears to hear? Looking back, what have you missed out on?

4. Have there been times when you have heard God and obeyed Him, even when it seemed difficult, painful, or scary? How is your life different now than it would have been if you hadn’t obeyed?

5. Take a moment to consider this: Is there an area of your life right now in which you are running from God? What is He saying? Why aren’t you listening?

6. What would change tomorrow if you had ears to hear what God was telling you to do?

PRAY

Pray for ears to hear. Pray for God to show you the plans He has in store for you, and then say, “Yes” to those plans...even before you know what they are. Pray for the boldness to obey God no matter the cost.