

Listening to Jesus

READ: Luke 8:18 -21

¹⁸ "So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to My teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them."

¹⁹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see Him, but they couldn't get to Him because of the crowd. ²⁰ Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to see You."

²¹ Jesus replied, "My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God's word and obey it."

REFLECT:

Who does Jesus say is His family (His brothers and mother)? (v. 21)

Careful listening means obedient listening. Luke shows this point by telling of the time when Jesus' family came to visit Him. He shows that the key to a close relationship with Jesus is not being born into a Christian family, but by following in obedience to God's Word. Those who obey Him are truly Jesus' family.

Some people think that because they go to church they are a Christian, but Jesus doesn't say that. You need to put your faith in Jesus and believe in Him. Then listen to what the Bible says and listen to it. Jesus is close to those who hear and obey His Word. The wonderful privilege of being close to Jesus is open to anyone who walks in obedience to Him!

RESPOND:

How do you need to improve in obeying God's word?

Thank God for His word which shows us how to live for Him and ask God to help you as obey His word so you can experience a close relationship with Him.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____