



## **Can You Hear Me Now?**

**Main Scripture:** Mark 7:31-37

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- Robert Madu said that a disciple needs to be able to hear the voice of God and know the Word of God. It is like having a GPS (voice) and a roadmap (Word). Which comes easier for you? To internalize and know the Word or hear God's voice?
  - How much of a balance is needed between the two? Explain why.
- Robert told the story of blind boys competing in a track meet. They were able to compete because their coach was at the finish line yelling "Here!", and because the boys knew their coach's voice so well, they were able to run straight towards the sound of their voice. How do you get to the point where you know the Lord's voice that well?
  - What are some practical ways to train our spiritual ears to hear God's voice in our everyday lives?
- **Read Mark 7:31-37.** Jesus takes the man away from the crowd so he could be in the presence of God. What is "the crowd" in your life that is keeping you from being in God's presence? How can you get away from the crowd in your life? How can your small group play a part in helping you with that?
- Jesus spoke *and then* his ears were opened. So who was Jesus talking to? Why is it important for us to speak things out in the supernatural? What aspect does spiritual warfare play in our everyday lives? In times of crisis?
  - How do you wage war in the spiritual realm? What does that look like?
- Sometimes people think a touch from Jesus will do the trick, but a touch will only go so far. We need His DNA deep inside of us. How do we get Jesus' DNA? What ways other than praying and reading our Bibles can we become more like Jesus?

### **Doing: Application**

- This week, experiment trying to listen to what the Lord is saying and then obeying what you heard.
- Really assess what you think "the crowd" in your life is and try to make some progress in eradicating its affect and influence on you. Take whatever steps necessary to do so.