



BECAUSE

I SAID SO

Week Two | Because I'll Listen | 09.04-05.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: The mundane day-to-day tasks can leave us feeling lost and defaulting to “Because I Said So” just to make it through the day. But what if we can free ourselves from the burden of trying to construct life-change in our children's hearts and embrace a greater parenting perspective that overflows with vision, purpose, and joy?

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is something you like to talk about?
- Digging Deeper: What kinds of conversations do you enjoy listening to?

» Observation | Read Mark 10:46-52

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Listening unites. Distraction divides.

(12 minutes)

- What does it look like to meet emotion with emotion and logic with logic when having conversations? What happens when we use the undesired response?
- Who are the inconvenient people in your life that are a constant reminder of who you can be - and who Jesus is?

» What are you waiting for? | Reread Mark 10:46

(12 minutes)

- Bartimaeus had every reason to give up hope, but he didn't. Where are areas you are tempted to give up hope, and why?

» What's worth rejection? | Reread Mark 47-48

(12 minutes)

- The crowd around Bartimaeus was annoyed by his requests to Jesus. How do you respond when people tell you that that your issue should no longer matter to you?

» What can Jesus do for you? | Reread Mark 10:49-52

(12 minutes)

- Pain and grief are processes that take a long time. How would you respond to Jesus asking you what He could do for you?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How can you practically put aside the distractions to be fully present with your family, friends, neighbors, classmates, and/or colleagues?
- What could you do to practice God-Centered, Family-First living? What do you need to do (or not do) to set you up for success?
- Close by praying for each other to prioritize active listening at least once a day for the next week.