



THE B.L.E.S.S.ED SUMMER EVER #4

Listen

What do you experience to be a significant challenge to listening to the lives of people (your community)?

- a. I'm too overwhelmed with my own stuff
- b. I'm afraid of what they might share
- c. I don't know the right questions to ask or have the right answers
- d. It's hard for me to care about what's going on with others
- e. I've not been listened to by others
- f. Other

Have you ever assumed you knew what someone needed, only to find out later that you were wrong? Share your story.

Read Luke 18:35-42.

- Why do you suppose people in the crowd felt compelled to silence the blind man?
- What intrigues you most about Jesus' response to the blind man? And why?

Why do you think it is so important to listen to people's (or your community's) needs before we begin serving?

What have you found helpful about how to listen to people (or your community) and help them find their way back to God?

What concerns or needs are you aware of in the lives of others (or your community) based on having listened? How might they present opportunities to respond with the love of Christ and invite people to return to God?