

Listening Exercise

Some questions adapted from *Make Us One*, Delbert W. Baker PH.D., Editor

- Circle the questions you would like to discuss in your small group.
- If none of the answers represent your thinking, share your answer in the **D) Other** line
- Allow everyone in your group to **state briefly** their viewpoint
- Listen carefully to the viewpoints of others and observe body language. Be able to recap at least two other person's response who had some different views to yours.

HAVE FUN! WE LEARN MORE WHEN WE DON'T TAKE OURSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY!

1. Which virtue do you think is most important?
 - A) Kindness.
 - B) Honesty.
 - C) Obedience.

2. When you have a strong belief, you
 - A) Try very hard to make others see things the same way as you?
 - B) Put forward your point of view but stop short of argument or persuasion?
 - C) Keep it to yourself unless directly asked?
 - D) Other

3. Which statement do you most agree with?
 - A) We should not judge another person's actions, because no one can ever fully understand the motives of another.
 - B) People are responsible for their actions and have to take the consequences.
 - C) Even if it is tough on some people, actions have to be judged.
 - D) Other

4. When youth question Biblical teachings and life-style views (such as short term creation, sex outside of marriage, drinking alcohol, etc., you
 - A) Feel uneasy.
 - B) Think that it is a good thing.
 - C) Dismiss them as rebels.
 - D) Other

5. When a family member or close associate acts in a very authoritarian and bossy way, you
 - A) Ignore them or pretend to listen but resent them.
 - B) Comply with their demands.
 - C) Tell them off.
 - D) Other

6. If an immediate family member told you that they were L/G/B/orT, you would
 - A) Feel shocked and offended.
 - B) Attempt to understand them and accept them.
 - C) Hide it from the world.
 - D) Other

7. When your spouse is facing a crisis at work and comes under attack, you
 - A) Assume that your spouse is always right.
 - B) Try to help your spouse by being objective in dealing with the issues.
 - C) Encourage your spouse to seek counsel from trusted colleagues.
 - D) Other

8. When your spouse is criticized as a leader you
 - A) Avoid or ignore the person(s) attacking your spouse.
 - B) Become personally hurt and find it a challenge to not become bitter.
 - C) Confront the person criticizing your spouse.
 - D) Other

9. If my child became engaged to a person of another ethnicity I would
 - A) Have a strong negative reaction.
 - B) Express my reservations.
 - C) Believe that my family is being enriched with diversity.
 - D) Other.

***My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:
everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.***
~ James 1:9 (NIV)

Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
~ Stephen R. Covey