

# Listening Guide

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## I. Jesus's Miracles

[1] Why is it important to emphasize that only God can work miracles?

[2] Restate the point that miracles transcend the ordinary powers of nature. How would you say it to a fourth-grade child?

[3] What other laws of nature did Jesus transcend with His miracles?

[4] Is there a miracle that is particularly fascinating or troubling to you?

[5] In addition to His power, what else did Jesus reveal through His miracles?

[6] How did John specifically use Jesus's miracles?

[7] Why did John link one of Jesus's discourses to each of His miracles?

[8] How was Jesus using His miracles in John 10:24-36?

[9] Explain in two or three sentences what Jesus invited and challenged His listeners to do in this passage.

## II. Jesus's Parables

[10] What's the difference between a parable and a fable?

[11] What's the difference between a parable and a true story?

[12] Explain why a parable can be more powerful than a true story.

[13] After what event did Jesus begin teaching in parables?

[14] What is significant about the parable of the sower and the soils?

[15] Why did Jesus use parables in His teaching?

[16] Why do we need to read the parables carefully?

[17] Why is it essential to understand the story in the parable before we try to interpret it?

[18] What role does a parable's context play in understanding it?

[19] What does it mean to “define the scope and magnitude of the parable”?

### **III. Jesus’s Conversations and Relationships**

[20] What’s the difference between an apostle and a disciple?

[21] Jesus took risks by making friends with women and by associating with a despised Samaritan. What kinds of cultural or societal barriers hinder Christians today from “loving our neighbor as ourselves” as Jesus commanded?

### **Conclusion**

[22] Which aspect of Jesus are you most comfortable with?

[23] How would you advise someone who wants to develop a well-balanced view of Jesus?

### **Reflection**

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

### **Application**

How do you relate to Jesus? Do you genuinely worship Him? Do you converse with Him in your prayers as you would a trusted friend? Do you genuinely love Him?