

How to Listen to a Sermon and Still Worship

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2 Timothy 4:2–5 (CSB) - Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching. ³For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires,

will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. ⁴They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do

***the work of an evangelist, fulfill
your ministry.***

1 Corinthians 1:21–24 (CSB) -
For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of what is preached. ²²***For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom,*** ²³***but we preach Christ***

**crucified, a stumbling block to
the Jews and foolishness to the
Gentiles. ²⁴Yet to those who are
called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ is the power of God and
the wisdom of God.**

1 Corinthians 14:24–25 (CSB) -
But if all are prophesying and some unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all.
²⁵The secrets of his heart will be revealed, and as a result he will

*fall facedown and worship God,
proclaiming, “God is really
among you.”*

**1. Expect God to
speak into your
life.**

2 Timothy 3:16 (CSB) - *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.*

Acts 17:10–11a (CSB) - *As soon as it was night, the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. Upon arrival, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.*
¹¹The people here were of more noble character than those in

***Thessalonica, since they
received the word with
eagerness ...***

2. Engage your mind.

Acts 17:11–12 (CSB) - *The people here were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, since they received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹²Consequently,*

***many of them believed, including
a number of the prominent Greek
women as well as men.***

John 4:23–24 (CSB) - *But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship him.*
²⁴*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.*”

3. Expose your heart.

John 4:23–24 (ESV) - *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*
²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Acts 2:36–38 (CSB) - “Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the

apostles: “Brothers, what should we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:41–42 (CSB) - *So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.*

**4. Experience
personal change as
you nail down and
commit to specific
obedience.**

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (CSB) - *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

James 1:22–25 (CSB) - *But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what*

kind of person he was. ²⁵But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does.

Acts 17:21 (CSB) - *Now all the Athenians and the foreigners residing there spent their time on nothing else but telling or hearing something new.*

Acts 2:41–42 (CSB) - *So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.*