Listening to God

for your life direction

Recall a time when directions failed you—maybe with your map app, a classic map, or someone's attempt to give you directions. What happened?

Listening to directions is vital. Look up and ponder what Jesus says about listening: *Mark 4:9* and *Revelation 2:7*.

What dynamics in current culture and our own human nature makes it challenging to listen to God's directions?

Explore <u>**1 Kings 16:29-34</u>**. (Compare this account with <u>**Deuteronomy 7:3-6**</u> and <u>**Joshua**</u> <u>**6:26**</u>.)</u>

What was wrong with Ahab's listening skills?

What are some examples of people today struggling to really listen to God?

Explore <u>1 Kings 17:1-6</u>. (Compare this account with <u>Deuteronomy 11:13-</u> <u>14</u> and <u>Deuteronomy 28:15a & 23-24</u>.)

What was right and healthy about Elijah's listening skills?

On what road(s) does God want to speak and give you good life direction right now?

How can this contrast between Ahab and Elijah help you develop your listening skills?

Wrap up by pondering *Matthew 11:11-15* in The Message paraphrase.

What's your answer to Jesus' blazing question?

Get Ready for Next Week:

Read each day from 1 Kings 17:7-16