

Quick to Listen

For Better Discussions in Our Churches

*"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak..."*

—James 1:19

How to Use a *Talking Piece*

1. Pick the moment.
2. Select a talking piece.
3. Prepare the question(s).
4. Explain the rules
5. Listen



Ground Rules

- Only the person with the talking piece may speak.
- No interruptions or commentary from the group.
- You may decline to speak by saying “pass” when the talking piece is handed to you.
- The talking piece will be passed around the circle once, and everyone will have one opportunity to respond to the question(s).
- Listen to understand, not to argue.

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