

Listening: Hearing God

# What is it to You?

[comparing]  
John 20

Comparing is a silent killer isn't it? Why do you think we are so inclined to compare ourselves with others? What are the effects?

[you follow me]  
John 21

What is really happening when we compare ourselves to others?

[our struggle]  
Genesis 27

individuals

Why do we seem to become so easily discontented with who God has created us to be and the journey that He has us on?

Genesis 32.26

groups

1 Samuel 8

Can you identify with Jacob and his journey? Explain.

1 Kings 9.22

Describe some ways that we experience this same thing as a community rather than just as individuals.

How does this affect our quality of life?

Going Deeper—Living it Out

[putting it together]  
Exodus 20

What do you think about the idea that if we followed God's leadership in the first 9 commandments, the 10<sup>th</sup> would actually be a reward—we would experience contentment?

Job 5.2

What is it to you?

When we get into the comparing game, it quickly leads to resentment and envy, how have you experienced this reality?

YOU follow ME.

So, what is it to you? Why are you so tempted to be more interested in comparing and evaluating someone else's journey? So then, who are you really following?

[big questions]

Who do you compare yourself to? Why?

How is Jesus looking you in the eyes and telling you to follow him?

Who is God making you to be? How has your journey shaped you to this point?

Will you trust Jesus to lead you into the life he has created for you?

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**MEMORIZE THIS!**

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

-Jeremiah 29.11-13 (TNIV)