



your story my story his story

Hear their story

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An open door



How do we discover open doors?

Colossians 4:3

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ,

Listening creates



1. ... the **OPPORTUNITY** for connection

James 1:19

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

Listening creates



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Mark 2:17

Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Listening creates



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Luke 18:18

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Listening creates



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Luke 18:19

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.

Listening creates



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Luke 18:21

“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

Listening creates



1. ... the **OPPORTUNITY** for connection

Mark 10:51

“What do you want me to do for you?”
Jesus asked him.

Listening creates



Jesus listened & responded

1. ... the **OPPORTUNITY** for
connection

Luke 5:4

... he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

We must ...



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Listening creates



1. ... the **OPPORTUNITY** for connection

1 Corinthians 9:22 - 23.... I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. 23I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Listening creates



1. ... the **OPPORTUNITY** for connection

1 Corinthians 9:22 - 23 Msg... but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant ... to lead those I meet into a God-saved life.

Listening creates



2. ... the **RIGHT** connection for

Proverbs 18:13

He who answers before listening— that is his folly and his shame.



Listening creates



2. ... the RIGHT connection for

“The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.”

How do we create listening opportunities?



Hospitality

Jesus modelled it

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1. Using his **TIME** (planned & unplanned time)

John 4:6

Jesus ... sat down by the well.

Jesus modelled hospitality



1. Using his **TIME** (planned & unplanned time)

Luke 19:5

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

Jesus modelled hospitality



2. Using his MEALS

Luke 15:2

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Jesus modelled hospitality



3. Using his **SOCIAL NETWORK** (parties!)

Luke 5:29 - 30

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

