

# QUICK TO LISTEN

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## BIBLE VERSES

James 1:19-20

John 13:34

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We've all heard it said, "never talk about politics, sex, money, or religion at the dinner table." What area do you think brings up the most conflict in your family or with your friends?
2. In times of conflict, we all have a natural response. Which one of these best describes you? Why do you think that is?  
**When someone accuses me, I'm quick to:**
  - Review the facts and prepare a retort.
  - Write the person off and ignore their claims.
  - Ask clarifying questions.
3. Which one of these best describes you? Why do you think that is?  
**When I know I'm right, I'm quick to:**
  - State my case with evidence.
  - Shut down and withdraw emotionally.
  - Be curious and patient while they explain their point of view.
4. Jesus didn't come to be right. He had every right answer, but he came to reconcile men and women to God and to reconcile us to one another. Think of a few words that describe Jesus' approach and discuss how these characteristics can help guide your most difficult conversations.
5. Read John 13:34. We want to be right **at** each other, God wants us to be right **with** each other. Where do you need to make things right with someone else?
6. Read James 1:19-20. Where can you apply this scripture to your life this week? How can we partner with each other in prayer and encourage each other to be "*Quick to Listen and Slow to Speak*" this week?