



Come Together Right Now Over Me!



How to ὑπακούω

- #1 EXPECT to Hear from God and Not Just a Man!** *Who we expect to hear determines how we will listen!*
- #2 ADMIT God Knows Better than We Do!** *When it comes to listening to a sermon, the best hearing aid is a humbled (submissive) heart!*
- #3 CHECK What Is Heard with the Bible!** *Learn to discern: Be diligent to check the spoken word of men with the written Word of God!*


#4 _____ to Hear the Lord Speak on His Day!

First things first: Listening with God's people is a _____ for those who hupakouw!

Priority 1 _____ to Hupakouw ~ *Don't stay away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do. Hebrews 10:24-25*

- Listening to sermons together is _____!

"And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25 HCSB

NT WORSHIP Come Together Right Now Over Me			
Preach & Teach of the Word <i>Acts 2:42; 6:4; 20:7; 2Tim 3:16-17</i>		Powerful Presence of the Triune God <i>Acts 2: 43; 5:5, 11; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:25</i>	
Pray & Fast <i>Acts 2:42; 6:4; 12:12; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 1 Jn 1:8-10; James 5:16</i>			Purge of the Unrepentant <i>Acts 5:1- 11; 1 Cor 5:4-7, 13</i>
Praise & Sing <i>Acts 2:47; Eph 5:19; Col 3:16</i>			Persuade the Lost <i>Acts 2:47; 1 Cor 14:24-25</i>
Participate as Believer Priests <i>Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor 11:2-16; 14:26; Heb 13:15</i>			Provide for Needs <i>Acts 2:44-45; 1 Cor 16:2; Phil 4:18</i>
Provoke One Another to Loving Works <i>Acts 2:44-45; Heb 10:24-25; 13:16; Titus 2:14; 3:1, 8, 14</i>		Provide for Needs <i>Acts 2:41-42, 46; 20:7; 1 Cor 11:17-34</i>	

- 1) **Jesus** saw preaching as the number one priority of his earthly ministry! *Mark 1:14, 38-39; Luke 4:43*
- 2) **The Apostles** saw preaching as one of their top two priorities in ministry! *Acts 6:4*
- 3) **The Early Church** saw listening to sermons as a vital part of spiritual worship as a gathered church body.
- 4) **The Church Fathers** saw listening to sermons as a vital part of spiritual worship as a gathered church body.
- 5) **Every pastor and NT church** sees listening to sermons as a vital part of spiritual worship as a gathered church body.
1Timothy 4:13-15; 2Timothy 4:1-4

"Congregations never honor God more than by reverently listening to His Word with a full purpose of praising and obeying Him once they see what He has done and is doing, and what they are called to do." ~J. I. Packer

"Reverently and responsively listening to God's Word preached is one of the highest forms of honoring and worshipping God." ~Don Whitney

- Listening to sermons together is a _____!

- 1) There is better _____ in when we listen together. *Hebrews 10:24-25*

- 2) There is greater _____ when we listen together.

"Any early Christian who attempted to live like a pious particle without the support of the community ran serious risks in an age when there was no public opinion to support him. His isolation, whatever its motive . . . exposed him to danger of losing his faith altogether."
~James Moffat

"Christian perseverance is thus also a community endeavor." ~ESV Study Bible

Priority 2 Come Together _____ to Hupakouw – *Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread...*

The "first day of the week" is Sunday...

- The day Jesus _____ from the dead ~ *Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19*
- The day the early church gathered together to _____ ~ *Acts 20:7; 1Corinthians 16:2*
- The day that is "the _____ Day" ~ *Revelation 1:10*

More than 50 years after the Apostle John has died, Justin Martyr in his First Apology (150-155) is still saying...

"And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things."

- Listening to sermons together is should be a _____ event!

What Stands in the Way of Taking Part in This Live Action Preaching & Teaching?

- 1) _____ that we can worship God alone as effectively as we can together.
- 2) _____ that coming together for worship is optional for the Christian.
- 3) _____ technology (iPods, mp3s , internet) become a **substitute** for coming together to hupakouw.
- 4) _____ that as we listen together we should be sensitive to what God is saying to us as a corporate Body and not just to me as an individual disciple.

- Listening to sermons together is to be a _____ on the first day of the week!

- Listening to sermons together is a _____ that is practiced in community!

Priority 3 Come Together Right Now _____ to Hupakouw – *On the Lord's Day the Lord says: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!" Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 1:10, 13*

- Listening to sermons together is **what** the Lord expects of His called out assembly!
- Listening to sermons together is **how** the Lord speaks to His local body!
- Listening to sermons together **still** requires that each of us is individually ready to hupakouw!

Spiritual Skill #4 COME TOGETHER to Hear the Lord Speak on His Day!

- **Come Here to Hear Together:** *Enjoy the privilege of hearing the Lord Jesus speak to us as His Bride and Body!*
- **Hear It Live Together to Live It Out Together:** *Actively encourage the people around you to apply the teaching!*
- **What He Says on His Day Should Be Our Number One Priority:** *Don't stay away on His day...when we meet Him face-to-face we will be glad we did!*

On the Lord's Day the Lord says: "He who has an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!"