



**January 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **Break the Ice**

Clutter can sneak up on all of us! Each of us probably have a different threshold for when clutter becomes “too much.”

What room, area, closet, drawer, etc gets the most cluttered for you? Or what place drives you crazy when it becomes cluttered?

Switch to your mind. What aspect of your life, when it gets cluttered, it causes you the most stress, emotion, anxiety, or obsession?

### **Up**

Read Matthew 7:15-20 together.

How does this passage speak into our discussion on cluttered minds?

What do the fruits of your life tell you about your relationship with God right now?

Share a time when a specific Scripture or passage helped you navigate a situation differently than your emotions, friends, or culture advocated.

### **In**

Pastor Ron talked about how we need to listen to God, not merely hear Him. Define some of the differences that define hearing and listening in normal conversations.

What factors tend to keep you merely hearing God, and not being able to listen to God through His Word?

Adding an intentional effort to declutter our lives and focus on what is most important will cause us to reprioritize. What has taken too strong of a priority that could be reprioritized; enabling you to invest into listening to Scripture?

## **Out**

When we choose to listen to God's Word, what does this change about our witness, attitude, actions?

## **Prayer**

Conclude your time by leading the group to pray:

- Pray for the courage to take steps to follow what God says, even when it causes change.
- Ask God for help in listening to Him, not merely hearing Him.