**Series Overview**

**(designed for April-May)**

God creates, knows, loves, and sees all of us in our full humanity. But as people, we can fall into the habit of assuming everyone is the same or everyone is like us. While we share a common humanity, these assumptions can be harmful and prevent us from truly seeing other people and listening to their perspectives. By looking at Biblical stories, this series will help us learn how to listen to, respect, affirm, and act for and with others. In doing so, we can also come to know God even more fully.

**Week 1: Hearing Other Voices**

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

We can be so busy on our mission that we stop listening. Yet, as Christians, we cannot fully engage in our mission without taking the time to hear the voices on the side of the road.

**Week 2: Sisters Are Doing it for Themselves**

Scripture: Numbers 27:1-11

Last week, we saw the importance of listening to the voices on the margins. However, it is not enough to just listen. We must also act.

**Week 3: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. the Stranger**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:14-22 (focus verses: 10:17-19)

Last week we talked about listening and then being compelled to act. As followers of God, our action must always be based on God’s view of the stranger and how God calls us to love them.

**Week 4: Diverse People, One Vision**

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

We cannot truly listen to, act or love all of God’s children if we do not also affirm how God sees all of us. And through affirming one another in all our fullness, God becomes more fully revealed to and known by us.