BOOK REVIEW



Listening in the Morning: Devotional Readings for Teachers

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Listening in the Morning **is a manifesto of sorts. Written by teacher, lecturer and passionate educator Dr Trevor Lloyd,** ***Listening in the Morning*** **is a devotional book with a singular golden thread running throughout: teaching is a missional calling. Dr Lloyd rightly places high value on the work of teachers and educators as missionaries. He invites teachers and educators to go beyond the curriculum and the day books, the yard duties and the never-ending paperwork and reminds the educators among us of why they chose teaching as a career in the first place.**

Although the devotional book would certainly bring value to any educator, from community kindergartens to state schools across the country or anywhere else you might have the opportunity to teach, perhaps the biggest impact is reserved for Adventist educational institutions. The mission—the why behind Adventist education—is more than just giving students an excellent education. It's also about telling them there's a God who loves them dearly and wants nothing more than to be in a relationship with them. When an entire school community remembers and embraces this mission, lives are changed, disciples are mentored, and students, families and staff get to know Jesus better.

The readings are short and sharp—perfect for staff worship in the morning, if that is your setting—and come with a question to ponder or discuss. Dr Lloyd employs storytelling as the foundation of the book, sharing anecdotes he's gathered from a lifetime of listening, reading and learning. Sometimes entertaining, sometimes moving, these stories are the perfect vehicle for the message.

For those who are teaching outside Adventist Education, thank you for your ministry. *Listening in the Morning* might be a way for you to fill your spiritual cup and remind you of your personal why.

For those teaching within Adventist Education, thank you for your ministry. *Listening in the Morning* can be a catalyst for renewal and growth and revival within your entire school community.

Listening in the Morning is available from Adventist bookshops in Australia and New Zealand, or online at *https://adventistbookcentre.com.au/ listening-in-the-morning.html*. TEACH

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Back Cover Introductory Notes –
Adventist education finds its inspiration in the teaching approach of Jesus-the master teacher- and traces its tradition back even further to the acclaimed schools of the prophets of Samuel's time.

Filled with insight and inspiration, these 80 devotional readings will encourage you in your high calling as an Adventist teacher. These engaging readings feature passages from the Bible and Ellen White's writings, stories that expand on the principles they contain and a reflection question to apply these principles to your teaching ministry.

Published in the 150th anniversary year of the official sponsoring of church schools by the fledgling Seventh-day Adventist Church, Listening in the Morning recognises the achievements of our faithful teaching forebears and seeks to inspire a new generation of Adventist teachers in their work.

(Adventist Book Centre, 2020, para. 1-3).

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Dr Trevor Lloyd has taught at all levels of the Adventist education system. In later years, he worked in curriculum consultancy in Adventist schools, colleges and adult education in South Africa, South Korea, Hong Kong and Russia, as well as in curriculum review across Australia. His commitment to fostering the ideals of Christian education reaches back more than half a century.