

Show Genuine Care

How can I help build a caring community?

Ice Breaker: What comes to your mind when we mention “community”?

Practice Hospitality (read 1 Peter 4:9-10; 3 John 8; Romans 12:13)

[First century Christians were experiencing the beginning of persecution. Peter encourages them to extend hospitality to Christians who were traveling. The Greek term for “hospitality” denotes “to show affection, love” as you would a friend or relative to the “foreigner, alien or stranger.”

1. Is hospitality as essential today as it was in Peter’s time? Why or why not?

2. What are some modern expressions of hospitality? Describe someone who has demonstrated “hospitality . . . what attitude/activity characterized this person?

Cultivate Kindness (read 1 Thessalonians 5:15)

1. What two basic commands do we see in this verse?

2. Discuss what would be a Christ-like perspective on the following statements. A carnal, worldly perspective.
 - Sometimes revenge is necessary
 - Being kind shows weakness . . . a lack of backbone
 - “Random acts of kindness” will do little to change the world
 - It’s impossible to be kind to those who have wronged us

Give Of Yourself To Others (read Philippians 2:1-4; 19-22; 25,29)

1. How do Timothy and Epaphroditus illustrate 2:1-4?

2. Share how others have given of themselves in helping to meet your needs.

3. Share how God used others to demonstrate the principles discussed in this lesson to:
 - A. Lead you to accept Jesus as your Savior (salvation)

 - B. Assist you in your early stages of following Christ

Wrap up:

- Who comes to mind that you could show genuine care to this week?

- Name a non-believer you are praying to see God working in their life (John 6:44)

How can we help one another through prayer today?

LIFE Groups

Providing an environment to nurture caring relationships and spiritual growth.

- L ♦ Learn..... applying Biblical truth for everyday living
- I ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
- F ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
- E ♦ Evangelism..... combining evangelism, teaching and nurturing to impact our world for Christ