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Everyone needs compassion

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Your grace is enough (freely you gave)
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BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Church Bible page 1205)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER O how good it is



Relationship Status ~2
How to have life changing conversations.
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

TO BECOME A GREAT LISTENER IS TO:

1. Communicate with _____.

'If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.' 1 Corinthians 13:1 MSG

'Jesus felt genuine love for the man as He looked at Him.' Mark 10:21 NLT

'God has given us eyes to see with and ears to listen with.' Proverbs 20:12 TEV

'The wise don't tell everything they know, but the foolish talk too much and are ruined.'
Proverbs 10:14 NCV

'The more you talk, the more likely you are to sin. If you are wise, you will keep quiet.'
Proverbs 10:19 TEV

'Talk too much and you're done for.' Proverbs 13:3 CEV

'Those who love to talk will have to eat their own words.' Proverbs 18:21 GW

'Don't talk too much. You keep putting your foot in your mouth. Be sensible and turn off the flow.' Proverbs 10:19 LB

2. Invest as much _____ as needed.

'When Job's three close friends heard of the tragedy that Job had suffered, they got together and they travelled from their homes to comfort and console him. Then they sat on the ground with Job silently for seven days and nights. And no one said a word, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.' Job 2:11-13 NLT

3. Share their feelings, not your _____.

'Anyone who answers without listening is foolish and confused.' Proverbs 18:13 NCV

'Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died!" Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. "Where have you buried him?" he asked them. "Come and see, Lord," they answered. Jesus wept. "See how much he loved him!" the people said.' John 11:32-36 TEV

4. Tune in to any fear or hurt beneath the _____.

'Be sympathetic, loving each other like a family, and be kind and be humble.' 1 Peter 3:8 NCV

'People's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.'
Proverbs 20:5 TEV

5. Never judge until you have all the _____.

'What a shame – yes, how stupid – to decide before knowing the facts. A person with understanding gets the facts and the wise person listens to learn more.' Proverbs 18:13&15 LB/NCV

TO BECOME A GREAT SPEAKER IS TO:

1. _____ for the best _____ and place.

'There is a time to be silent and there is a time to speak.' Ecclesiastes 3:7 NCV

'There's a right time and a right way for everything, even though unfortunately we miss it for the most part.' Ecclesiastes 8:6 MSG

2. _____ and _____.

'Jesus said, 'I have not spoken on my own power. Instead, the Father who sent me told me what I should say and how I should say it.' John 12:49 GN

'Intelligent people think before they speak; then what they say is more persuasive.' Proverbs 16:23 TEV

'Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone.' Colossians 4:6 GW

'Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.' Matthew 10:19-20 NIV

3. _____ with their _____ first.

'Speak only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.' Ephesians 4:29 NIV

4. _____ the positive _____.

'When wise people speak, they make knowledge attractive.' Proverbs 15:2 TEV

'A mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.' Proverbs 16:21 TEV

'We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure!' Hebrews 6:19 NIV

5. Keep _____ and don't _____.

'Those who are sure of themselves do not talk all the time, and people who stay calm have real insight.' Proverbs 17:27 TEV

'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.' James 1:19



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What makes the difference for you when it comes to dialogue you listen to vs what you tune out?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1. If we are to look at others with love, we must first acquire love. Discuss ways to acquire genuine love.
3. Read Ecclesiastes 3:7 and 8:6. What can be gleaned from the wisdom of Solomon about timing?
4. When we feel frustration, fear, or hurt we often respond to others in anger. How can we listen to someone who is angry at us and hear beyond the hurt? Share a time when you were able to do this effectively.
5. Using John 12:49, Colossians 4:6 and Proverbs 16:23 as a guide, how will we know the right words and time to speak?
6. Read James 1:19. How can we learn to listen first and talk second? What do we gain when we do this?
7. Affirming the positive alternative is a powerful way to speak to everyone in our lives. Telling it like it could be, provides hope and encouragement. Identify a situation in your personal or work life where this way of speaking could make a lasting impact.
8. When God is able to speak through us to those who need to hear him, our speech is invaluable. Read and discuss these verses in light of that statement: John 12:49, Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 15:2.

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