

Earning the right to be heard

Authentic Connection

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Authentic connection is all about connecting people with God and the church (people) through:

Sunday morning services – the experiential balance

- Nonbelievers may need help _____ what believers are experiencing
- Believers need to be _____ to what nonbelievers are experiencing

First Impressions – You can't fake _____!

Today: OUTreach – doing anything we can to _____ with people who don't hold our values.

The 3-E's of OUTreach:
Earn, Expect and Err

1) Earn the right to be _____:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (pg. 836)
- Reputation with outsiders
- How to win: _____ and proactive love

Once you've earned the right to be heard, it's all about _____

2) Expect unbelievers to act like it:

- 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (pg. 809)
- Don't expect unbelievers to act like believers
- Remember, we all have _____!

In the end, love wins

3) Err on the side of grace:

- Colossians 4:2-6 (pg. 835)
- Full of _____ (love); _____ with salt (truth)
- Not just with outsiders...

Faith is a Verb: Food Pantry, Lake Center Elementary School, LifeWalk, Summer VBS (Portage Terrace), CommUniverCity, Kids Hope, MOPS, etc.

The big-picture goal of OUTreach:
Loving people and meeting needs, NOT church _____

From the world...

To the cross...

Back to the world