

## Deeper Life Notes

"Cultivating Relationships"

Pastor Dan Osborn, Sunday August 7



Watertown  
Evangelical  
Free Church

### Read

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

### Discuss

What do you think is the motivation for this command?

Name some practical ways you can follow the instruction from this passage.

### Pray

Begin praying about who God might be asking you to specifically show this kind of love to.

### Read

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.* 3 *Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.* 4 *Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.* 5 *Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'* 6 *And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.* 7 *And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.* 8 *Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.* 9 *Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*

Luke 10:1-9

### Discuss

This passage gives description of how Christ sent the disciples—his followers out to the communities they traveled in. What can we take from his plan?

Pastor Dan offered these instructions from these verses;

- Pray to the Lord – v. 2b
- Go and make relationships – v. 3
- Expect challenges – v. 3
- Depend on God – v. 4
- Speak peace to others – vv. 5-6
- Enjoying their friendship – vv. 7-8
- Care for their needs – v. 9a

*We need to declare peace because we, as Christians, have been at war with the lost. Too often, "Repent or burn" is the banner under which we approach the unsaved of this world. Unfortunately, we have a tendency to strongly dislike sinners, and this soon becomes obvious to them. Our bellicose attitudes do tremendous disservice to Jesus, who in his earthly days was glad to be known as a friend of sinners. If Jesus is their friend, we cannot be their enemies.*

Ed Silvosa, Prayer Evangelism

Here some steps to speaking peace and bringing the great news we can offer.

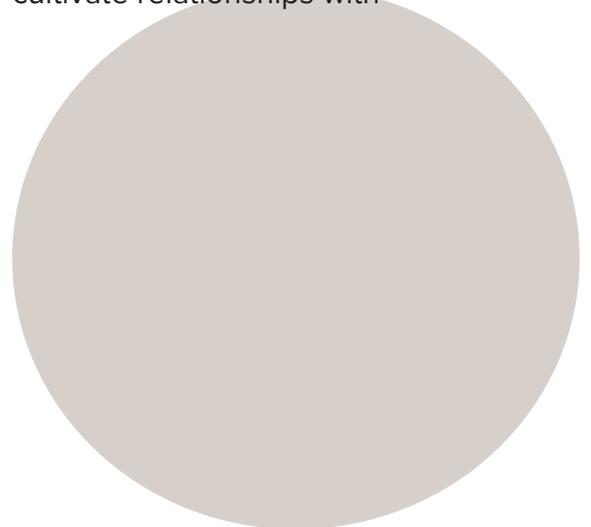
- A. Stop cursing those we are called to love in Jesus name
- B. Bless those you cultivate relationships with
- C. Pay Attention to what God is doing and join him

Blessing others by practically speaking peace into others lives. Prayer...Care...Share

The diagram below gives a simple way for you to personalize the sermon today by making your own prayer, care and share circle.



Follow diagram steps and write the names of people God leads you to cultivate relationships with



### **Pray**

Pray for those in your circle of care, ask others you trust to pray with you for those Jesus puts on your heart. Stay faithful by his grace in your prayer, blessing, caring and sharing.

### **Expect God to Work**

Watch God as work as you trust Him. Share what God does

### **Further Training Option for you or you and your small group**

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Talk with Pastor Dan if you would like to be trained