

Love Your Friend to Faith

Becoming a Compassionate Christian

Participant's Handout

The purpose of this module is to:

Encourage people to lovingly draw their acquaintance into a saving relationship with Christ.

Objectives :

- *Speak truthfully to your neighbors.*
- *Work to share with needy persons.*
- *Build up others.*
- *Be kind and forgiving.*
- *Live lovingly.*

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A. Speak _____ to your neighbor.

1. For us to speak _____ is absolutely essential for our time.
2. We must put off _____ and pretense.
3. _____ honestly reveals to others what we are like.
4. We must speak honestly about our _____ with God.

B. The reasons for being _____ are absolutely essential for our time.

1. _____ is important for good mental health.
2. Honesty with others makes for healthy, happy _____.

C. Our world seeks to _____ from others.

1. We are warned about _____.
2. We have come to believe, "what is _____ is mine."
3. _____ respects our need to possess, but encourages us to give.

D. The Christian _____ seeks to meet needs.

1. The reason for working is so we might _____ with others.

2. The Christian who would _____ his love will give.

3. The Christian will be moved by _____ when people have needs.

E. Christians guard against _____ talk.

1. _____ abounds

2. It is easy to be _____.

F. What we say _____ those who listen.

1. Make one of your _____ goals to build up other people.

2. Dispense _____ liberally; there is a shortage.

G. Get rid of _____.

1. We do have a _____ about being angry.

2. _____ gives the devil a foothold.

3. Sustained anger is _____.

4. _____ are told to "get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."

5. The burden of _____ for handling anger is placed squarely upon our shoulders.

6. The _____ cannot be advanced when there are angry, broken relationships.

H. The life that is winsome is kind and _____.

1. _____ is greatly influential.

2. _____ will always be remembered.

3. Love and kindness are _____ qualities – virtues we embrace and _____.

4. Apart from kindness and compassion, few people will be _____.

I. _____ each other.

1. God's people are _____.
2. The reason we _____ is because we are forgiven.
3. We actually owe a _____ of forgiveness.
4. How can we expect people to seek the forgiveness of God if we have not demonstrated God's forgiveness by forgiving other _____?

J. We are to live as _____ lived.

1. He met the _____ needs of people by healing them.
2. He _____ to the emotional needs of people by comforting them.
3. He addressed the intellectual search of people by describing God to them.
4. He coached them to live a _____ life by teaching on marriage, virtues, and governmental authority.

K. He gave up himself as a _____.

1. View the love of _____. Although Jesus did not want to die, he did.
2. _____ inside of Jesus screamed for safety, just as we want to be safe.
3. Jesus was publicly criticized and _____.

Small Group Exercise

Are you a good neighbor? Explain.

Make a list of ways that you can be proactive and creative in reaching your neighbors through compassion.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Action Planning/Reporting

Using the information provided, develop your own personal compassionate ministry to love your neighbors into a loving relationship with Christ.