

REACHING PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW



For key church leaders and their passionate evangelisers

Session 5: What we say and how we say it

Communication keys to presenting the Gospel well

Discussion goal

To understand the issues connected with the use of jargon, unclear Scripture quotations and the use of an inappropriate tone or manner, and to reflect together upon where each member could work to improve their communication.

Before watching the video

- Welcome and prayer
- Recap lessons and personal takeaways from the previous tutorial.

Watch video

Opening

1. Have you ever had someone try to explain something to you, but you really couldn't make any sense out of what they were saying? What happened?
2. Each think of someone (other than family) who makes you feel really good about yourself – or someone who leaves you feeling drained. What is it about a person that makes others around them feel good about themselves – or drained?

Discussion

"...Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:4

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men." Luke 2:52.

3. What were the three points in today's tutorial? Briefly explain the issue connected with each point (The three points are 1. Avoid Christian jargon, 2. Avoid quoting scripture, 3. How we say it is important).
4. Do you agree with these points? Why, or why not? (Or, to what extent, and why?)
5. How would you rate yourselves in each of these three areas of communication on a scale of 1 to 10? Discuss.

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6. What do you think of the idea of giving each other feedback over the coming months on these areas when you hear another team member talking with a non-Church person and can see a way in which they could improve? If you do, how might you best go about this so as to not cause offence?

Application

7. In which of these areas do you most need to learn or develop, and why?

Spend time in prayer together.