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Series: Relationships: Improving Our Connections

Message: Communication's Top Ten

#10. _____ Twice as Much as You _____. James 1:19-20

- God created you with one mouth and two ears.

#9. Deal in _____ to _____ Relationships.

Exodus 33:11, Deuteronomy 5:4; 2 John 1:12

- Avoid the Strangulation of Triangulation.

- **You are the Offender** Matt 5:21-25
- **You Need to Deal with Your Stuff first.** Matt 7:15
- **You are the Offended.** Matt 18:15-20

#8. _____ before You _____. James 3:5-12, Matthew 12:36
Philippians 4:8

#7. _____ the Truth in _____. Ephesians 4:15; 4:2; John 16:13

How you say something is more important than what you say.

- Is it True? Do I have the facts correct?
- Am I talking for another person?
- Am I avoiding exaggeration?
- Am I saying something clearly and simply?

#6. _____ Instead of _____. Proverbs 15:1, 2 Timothy 3:1; 2
Peter 1:5-9 Proverbs 25:28

- A Godly response comes from being sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
Reaction comes from the flesh.

#5. Prioritize _____ Talk. Ephesians 4:29; Ephesians 5:3
Luke 6:45

#4. Communicate _____. Philippians 1:14; Luke 12:11;
Joshua 1:7

#3. Let Your Yes be Yes and Your No, No. James 5:12; 1
Thessalonians 2:4.

- Do I communicate to please God or to please others?

#2. Have your _____ line up with your _____. James 4:13
Our actions communicate so much.

- Can your words be trusted?
- Are you really walking the talk?
- Are you following through with your commitments?

#1. Your Communication with _____ determines your
Communication with _____. Matthew 14:22-23; Acts 4:13

Life Group Questions

- 1) Take time as a group to review the top ten points of communication.
- 2) What scripture impacted you the most in this message?
- 3) Personal Application: Do you have someone you need to get things right with in your family or congregation? We hinder the blessing of God in our families or congregations when we are not right with one another. Face to face relationships count.
- 4) Why is responding so different from reacting in communication? What is the outcome from choosing one over the other?
- 5) What point impacted you the most from this message? How are you going to apply this point to your communication with others?
- 6) "Churches, Marriages and families rise and fall on relationships". How do these points if obeyed make a difference for healthy relationships in our lives? See 1Peter 3:7 as an example.
- 7) How does wholesome talk demonstrate Christ-likeness in our communication with our friends and neighbours?
- 8) Why is being assertive or communicating courageously necessary for healthy relationships?
- 9) What are two ways you can improve communication in your family this week?
- 10) Why is it important to practice these communication priorities in our church relationships?