

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

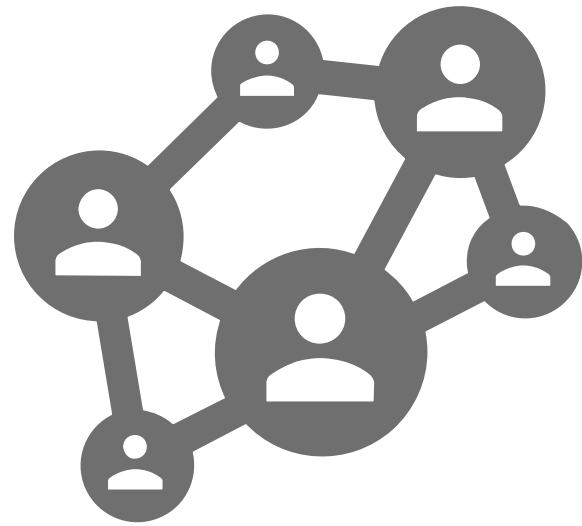
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LOVE
REVOLUTION:
PROCLAIM

LOVE GOD.
LOVE
NEIGHBOR.

- LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE
- HEAR GOD'S WORD AND SHARE IN HIS SUPPER
- **PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST IN WORD AND DEED**
- SERVE ALL PEOPLE FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS
- STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH



“WE BELIEVE THE WAY
FORWARD IS TO
STRENGTHEN
RELATIONSHIPS WITH
GOD AND ONE
ANOTHER.”

RELATIONSHIPS ARE KEY





PERSONAL TOUCH
STILL IMPORTANT!



EVANGELISM

=

“GOOD
NEWS”

EVANGELISM: CHALLENGES

- LESS INTEREST IN “VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION” ORGANIZATIONS
- SCREEN TIME VS. IN-PERSON TIME
- POLITICAL POLARIZATION
- CHRISTIAN MESSAGE DOESN'T LOOK/SOUND LIKE LOVE

EVANGELISM: OPPORTUNITIES

- LONELINESS/MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
- PAIN/LOSS IN LIFE
- POLITICAL DIVISION IN WIDER CULTURE



KEY QUESTION #1:

WHAT GETS IN YOUR
WAY?



KEY QUESTION #2:

WHAT GETS IN YOUR
CHURCH'S WAY?

YOUR CHRISTIAN SUPERPOWER!

LOVE

“ JESUS SAID, “I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT,
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU, YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE
ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU
ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE
ANOTHER.” ”

JOHN 13:34-35

“ JESUS SAID: “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND A SECOND IS LIKE IT: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” ”

MATTHEW 22:37-39

“ BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER,
BECAUSE LOVE IS FROM GOD; EVERYONE
WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS
GOD. WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT
KNOW GOD, FOR GOD IS LOVE. ”

1 JOHN 4:7-8

“

IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MORTALS AND OF ANGELS, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM A NOISY GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL. AND IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS, AND UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, AND IF I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO AS TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM NOTHING.

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-2

TYPES OF “LOVE”

- EROS
- PHILEO
- AGAPE

KEY QUESTION:

WHERE IS THE LORD GIVING
YOU/YOUR CHURCH
OPPORTUNITIES TO “LOVE”?

BREAK TIME

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OPPORTUNITIES TO “LOVE”?

LUKE 10:1-11

“PERSONS OF PEACE”

PERSONS OF PEACE

- WELCOME YOU, FRIENDLY TO YOU
- SPIRITUALLY OPEN TO YOU
- WANT TO JOIN IN WHAT YOU'RE DOING
- MAY NOT BE WHO YOU EXPECT









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