Series: "IT'S COMPLICATED" Part 2: "THE COMMUNICATION CONUNDRUM" Crossroads Community Church October 24, 2021

5 Essentials to Uncomplicating Communication:

1. _____

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV)

¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

Speak the ______ in ______

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)

Balance _____ and _____

2.

_____to one another

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.....

James 1:19 (NIV)

each other

Seek to ______ first rather than to be ______

¹³ To answer before listening—that is folly and shame. Proverbs 18:13 (NIV)

and

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

4.

Avoid talking ______ to others

³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect.... 1 Peter 3:7a (NIV)

¹⁷Show proper respect to everyone...

1 Peter 2:17a (NIV)

5. _____

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)

Think and evaluate before you _____

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Think and evaluate before you _____

²⁴ Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:

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