



SMALL GROUPS

Life alone isn't living. We SHARE community.

COMM-UNI-CATION

WEEK 4

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As we wrap up our series on communication, we spend our last week examining the final goal of communication and how that impacts us as individuals and as a church. God's plan is restoration between Himself and us – renewed fellowship and intimacy. God has chosen to use His church as His mouthpiece to call the world to Himself. Are we communicating in love to the world around us? How does that affect our community? What will be the legacy of Nebo Crossing?

Biblical communication is assertive. Let's go over the goals of an assertive communicator...

***Understanding –**

Not agreement. We want to understand the other person's unique perspective, unique experience, and what they perceive as truth.

***Reconciliation –**

Exchanging our perceived truth for God's Truth.

***Connection –**

Communicating on a heart level about our feelings and needs. This is where we express vulnerability and build trust.

Take a few moments to discuss these goals.

"We are not looking to amend behavior. We are looking to understand, reconcile, and connect in intimate ways over the truth of God." Pastor Bob

Discuss how understanding, reconciliation, and connection over God's Truth can lead to a change of heart.

Why is connection so valuable?

A Biblical communicator seeks to understand the person they are interacting with. They value who that person is, right where they are. They lovingly reconcile them to the Truth found in God's Word, which meets a need in their lives – one they might not even know they had. A connection is formed, and they are living in godly community. This should begin with ourselves, those in our homes, and spread outward to our community.

However, many times, we don't know what we need or how to communicate it. This stands in the way of connection. How do we overcome this hurdle?

Pay attention to your thoughts, feelings, and needs. Respect their value. Ask God to show you what it is you need and why you need it. Ask God to reveal any lies you've believed that stand in the way of His Truth. Sometimes, this is more than we can handle on our own. Some wounds lay deep. We need help to identify them and learn what steps we need to take to heal and move forward in life and relationships. At Nebo Crossing we are blessed to have Grace Heart Ministries, a Christian counseling ministry, available to us. Check the Next Steps area at church for more information.

Discuss this statement....

We need to be able to be real with someone who can speak God's truth into our lives.

How important is it that you work through the goals of communication yourself?

"The purpose of this series is to understand how a Biblical community communicates. We are learning to be a mouthpiece for the gospel of Jesus Christ." Pastor Bob

Read Ephesians 3:6-11.

What is the purpose of the church?

How does this connect back to Pastor Bob's statement?

Discuss this statement...

"Relationship changes everything. It gives us the opportunity to break down walls in love and through connection."

"Decide that a person's performance doesn't matter. God loves them and so should we."

Why is this attitude so important?

What is the attitude of our church?

Is this a reflection of your attitude?

"We don't need a church high and lifted up. We need a church in the trenches." Pastor Bob

Discuss the ways in which our church is trying to be "a church in the trenches".

How does Biblical communication enable us to be a pillar in our community?

What is something you've learned from this series on Biblical communication?

