

# SERMON NOTES

Becoming The Ultimate - Servant Leadership  
Pastors Sheri Schaefer - July 30, 2023

## Meditation Verse

*"Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right response for everyone."  
Colossians 4:6 NLT*

### Communication actually means "to have in common."

Communication in its most basic form is simply the exchange of information and ideas, whether verbal or nonverbal.

### Communication Guidelines

- a. Be alert and be able to read the situation before you dive into a conversation. John 16:13 ESV
- b. Listening is the single most important of all the communication skills. James 1:19 AMP
- c. Show an interest in other people.  
*Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interest of others.* - Philippians 2:4 ESV

### Communication Through Conflict

- a. Don't avoid conflict with the silent treatment.  
*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
- b. When conflict happens, be quick to decide when the best time would be to talk about it. Especially if the conversation is very heated. Ephesians 4:26
- c. Stay on one topic at a time. (Don't bring up the past.)

### 3 Techniques For Productive Communication

1. “I” and “you” messages - Help me understand...
2. The Compliment Sandwich
3. Active listening - Repeat back to the person what you think you heard them say.

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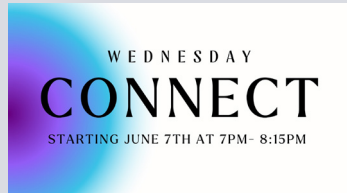
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY CONNECT

Wednesday's at 7pm

*Join us here at the church as we share thoughts and grow together.*



**Fall Semester Starts Aug. 10th!**  
*It's not too late to sign up!  
Embrace this tremendous opportunity  
to go deeper in you faith!*

Join us next week as we begin our new series “Benefits Package”.