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NEED TO KNOW!

#1. Love Our City Day

Love our City Day is back this year on Sat, Oct 1! This is a day for all of us to love on our cities. You can choose projects like home repairs, serving a meal, making cards, and more. Choose whatever fits you or your group. The day starts at Grace at 9 AM then we head out to do our projects. Sign up on the website!

#2. Men's Ministry

Hey Guys, if you are looking for ways to connect and get to know the other men around church... check out Men's Ministry. There is basketball on Wed mornings, monthly game nights, and a new bible study starting on Oct 1. The Bible study is on Saturday mornings and the topic is on growing closer to God. Sign up for the new study online!

#3. New Believer's Class

We are excited for a new class starting on Oct 2nd. This is a 4 part class that will walk you through what it means when you say Yes to Jesus and how to start your journey to grow in your faith. The class will be Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM upstairs. Come and check it out!

BLESS

SEPT 25 // WEEK 3 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

LISTEN with compassion.

Listening can be a challenge.

"Blindness separates you from things but deafness separates you from people." - **Consumer Reports**

3 STEPS TO BETTER LISTENING:

1. Priority: Listen to Jesus first.

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. - **Luke 18:31-34**

Prayer: Jesus remind me to always listen to You first.

2. Place: Be in the right place at the right time.

As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. - **Luke 18:35-40**

Prayer: Wherever I go, God take me to the right place at the right time.

3. Practice: Learn to listen to people better so they can connect with Jesus.

When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. - **Luke 18:40-43**

The opposite of listening is not remaining silent but preparing to speak next.

"Listening is so close to loving that few people can tell the difference." - **Bob Goff**

Jesus asked 307 questions and only answered 8.

Prayer: Lord, help me to listen with compassion.

What happens when we listen with compassion?