

Third Thursday Notes

Dec. 21, 2023 - Having Difficult Conversations

We are surrounded by difficult conversations!!

1) Consider the source!

There are so many opportunities and topics that we could enter into with people but will it draw you and them closer to God? We are surrounded by them, we do not have to always engage in them directly! We are called to follow Jesus and share.

2) How can we decide which conversations are worth having or engaging in?

Do we have a relationship or trust level to have this conversation: "Relationship before Issues unless or until you have Trust" - Peacemaking Ministries: Don Bubna. "The truth of our message is amplified by the depth of our relationships".

3) Three tips for us as we enter into these conversations:

Timing, Tact, & Tone. Ecclesiastes 3:7, Proverbs 17:28, Proverbs 12:18, Ephesians 4:29

4) How can we keep love and truth at the forefront?

LISTEN. Learn how to listen. "With one ear you need be absolutely tuned in with the heart and soul of the person you're tending to. The other ear must be tuned to God's own Word."

Final Thought

Psalm 119:130 "the unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple." Love and truth are connected and inseparable!
