Love, Know, Speak, Do

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Remember--Our God is Sovereign!
Romans 8:28 “…All things work together for good…”

■ “I don’t know what to do”

■ 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
Why this is a good thing:

- This is cutting edge ministry
- Forces dependence
- People are more sensitive in times of crisis
Christ-like
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LOVE

- Christ’s character
- Matt. 9:36 He was concerned about and got involved in lives!
LOVE

- Build a loving helping relationship
- I Thess. 2:1-12

- Why should they trust you with the “fine china” of their lives?
LOVE

- Enter their world-- “incarnation”
- “I hear you,” “I take you seriously”
“Gaining Passport”

- What would a person need to be like for you to be willing to share your worse sin? A secret sin?
Gaining Passport

- Can I trust?
- Do you care about me?
- Can you help me?
LOVE

- Give them hope
- I Cor. 10:13
- Look for quick wins
KNOW (Proverbs 20:5)
We want to draw out the heart

■ Ask good questions
  – What makes a good question?
  – Ask reporter like questions
  – Avoid “Yes” and “No” questions
  – Don’t ASSUME
KNOW  -- the heart is the target

- Proverbs 4:23
- Jeremiah 17:9-10
- Mark 7:21-22
- Psalm 18:1-3
- Hebrews 4:12
THE BIBLE EXPOSES
YOUR INNER SELF

...HEBREWS 4:12-13
What are we saying about a person when we say they do something “religiously”?

- Study
- Dedicated
- Sacrifice—time and money
- Witness—“talk about and try to convince”
- Worship—value; treasure
- Sing—“sing the praises of”
- Excited
- Identity
Romans 1:25

“For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”
SPEAK--comforting words and speak the Gospel

- Isa. 61:1-2

- Deep change is possible--an “extreme makeover”!
SPEAK (Eph 4:15)
“Speak the truth in love”

- The authority is God—not opinions, theories, studies, etc.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Psalm 19:7-11
DO (James 1:22)
“Be a doer of the word….”

- Discipleship plan
- HEAD= Content
- HEART= Character
- HANDS= Competence
- HOME= Community
DO--Change into Christlikeness is the goal not just listening.

-- Give them “homework”
  for example, a “temptation plan”
  -or-
How could you practice the 2 great commandments?
Secure commitment

- Acknowledge personal responsibility
- Choose the Bible’s way
- Commit to change
- Exert energy
- Persevere
- Trust
Summary

- Love
- Know
- Speak
- Do