

Special Session

Bring Life...Hope and Love

Check In

Where were you when you first heard about the shooting? What were your first thoughts?

Toes-in-the-Water

There are moments that stun us all. There are times that leave us almost without words; not knowing how to think, what to say, or what to do. It's common for our first responses to be clouded with uncertainty. Almost as if we are numb.

Q1: How long does it usually take you to wisely respond to a crisis situation?

Watch the video now (and use the space below to take notes)

Get Ready

In the video, Pastor Kevin spent some time exploring several life-changing and somewhat countercultural practices.

“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:7 NIV84

Q2: When you hear that “love always protects, always trusts, always hopes always perseveres,” which practice comes naturally to you? Which practice is the most challenging to you?

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 ESV

Q3: Does bearing another’s burden come naturally to you? When might it be a problem?

“Pray for each other ... The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:16 NLT

Q4: How faithful are you to actually pray for each other? What can you do to more faithfully pray for each other?

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

Q5: Are you more naturally an encourager and build people up? Or more of an “expect the worst” kind of person? What might you do to become even more of an encourager?

Take Action

1. Who might you need to encourage this week?
2. Is there someone you need to begin treating as a neighbor? What will you need to do differently?
3. What challenging practice do you need to adopt and develop?
4. Who can support you in the development you need to do?

Finish this sentence: To become more _____ (trusting, hoping, persevering, encouraging, burden-bearing, etc.) I will....

Pray Together

One way we can take steps to become more trusting, hoping, persevering, encouraging, burden-bearing, etc is to pray for one another. Take some time as a group to share your prayer requests.