

Streams of Living Water 3

Wholesome & Helpful Communications

3 keys to healthy relationships: COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION.

So, how can we make sure we all communicate WELL? POSITIVELY, GRACIOUSLY, HELPFULLY?

→ *Why is communication so important? In what different ways do you communicate? Which ways do you prefer and why? Any scare you?!?*

→ *What does it mean to communicate positively? Do you? What does it mean to communicate graciously or helpfully?*

Communication is:

a) Not always EASY

b) A skill we can IMPROVE

c) A great OPPORTUNITY for us as Christians

→ *How have you improved your communication over the years? What pitfalls do you have to watch out for? Why is it a great opportunity?*

No doubt, our words carry considerable POWER (Proverbs 16:24, 12:18, 18:21, 10:19, Ephesians 4:29).

→ *Read each of those proverbs. What do they teach us? What do they speak to you?*

THE BIG IDEA: What's in your HEART will eventually and inevitably come out of your MOUTH ... What if those words could be a RIVER of all those wonderful Christ-like VALUES we believe in? (Matthew 12:33-37)

→ *What would change if we all did that? How would our homes change? How might our church change? How close is your workplace to that target?*

* People who hang around here long enough should be in NO DOUBT at all what we STAND for.

→ *theBarn's Strategic Plan Action A1 states, "We will increase our demonstrations of passion, welcome, gratitude and honour, so that everything we do reflects the love and goodness of God." How could you contribute to that?*

→ *What values would you personally like to be known for? Do you think the people around you would know that you do? Why?*

* Life is great at depositing all of its CRUD into our WELL ... which is why, every week, we place our HEART back into His hands of MERCY.

→ *What 'crud' does life, the world, our trials & tribulations try to deposit into our wells? How does it tend to come out? How can we get past that?*

* THE AIM: To be so FULL of GOD that He has to COME pouring out (Jeremiah 20:9) ... that you become a RIVER of LIVING WATER.

→ *What does 'full of God' look like? What does a 'river of living water' look like in the context of wholesome and helpful communication?*

* In whatever context we're communicating, it's so much better if it's JESUS coming out.

→ *How do you use this as a lens when you're communicating? Do you? What might improve if you did so more carefully?*

* Always remember we're AMBASSADORS for Christ and this presents us with a great OPPORTUNITY to SHINE.

→ *As ambassadors for Christ, what should be the tone and content of our communication?*