

Faith Talk

I Am Proactively Developing Relationships With Lost People

"Love others as I have loved you." John 15:12

Things you'll need:

- 1 raw egg
- Vinegar
- Glass jar

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Take your kids on a car ride to an unfamiliar location. Allow each child an opportunity to give directions to return home and drive following their instruction. Most likely, you will be more "lost" than you were before.

"What does it feel like when you're lost?"

"What options are available to get back home?"

"Who loves you enough to help you?"

As their parent, you don't want them to be lost. You know the way home and love them enough to show them the way.

Lost people need directions. As Christ followers, we have the directions people need to learn about Jesus and His love for them. Jesus said that He is "the Way." (John 14:6) How can we show others the Way, if they don't know they are lost?



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We must begin by loving them in both words and in action and let them see Jesus in us. Everything we know about sharing God's Word is summed up in a single sentence:

"Love others as you love yourself." Galatians 5:14

The following activity will demonstrate that, over time, people who may not be open to hearing your directions may change. "Hard" hearts "soften" as they experience Jesus' love.

1. Carefully place a raw egg (in the shell) in a glass jar. Pour enough vinegar in the jar to cover the egg. Watch as tiny bubbles cover the surface of the egg! There may be little visible activity, but something is happening. Let the egg sit for 24 hours.
2. The next day carefully pour the vinegar out. Replace using fresh vinegar, as you did the previous day. Now, let it sit for two more days.
3. On the third day, pour off the vinegar and let your child feel and hold the egg. The hard shell has softened! You can gently bounce the egg on the table and roll it around. Be careful, the raw egg will break open.

Over time, as we love and serve as Christ did, people will soften as they experience His love. Just as it took several days for the shell to soften, we should be patient with them pray for them to respond.

Who can your family love and serve? You may begin by planning an event and invite them to join you. (i.e. homemade ice cream for a new friend, decorate sugar cookies with schoolmates, walk with neighbors and pick up trash together, etc.)

Loving and serving provides opportunities to share "directions" with lost people.