

Friending Changes Lives

“Study finds nearly half of US feels alone, young adults most of all.” (Atlanta Journal)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send ME!” -Isaiah 6:8

The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon [US], because the LORD has anointed [US]; HE has sent [US] to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners... to provide for those who mourn [around the world, in the US, in Tustin and OC, and in our own homes], to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. -Isaiah 61:1-3

One Friend at a Time

The key to bringing the kingdom near to others is to friend people in Jesus’ name. God friends the lonely through people like you and me.

Outreach mantra... “Go the last _____.”

We need peace-_____, not just peace-lovers.

We need _____ of the Word, not just hearers.

We need people who play the game, not just _____.

Opportunities to Friend

- Sunday Suppers, Family Promise
- Mission trips... SSP, Disaster Relief, Rwanda
- BeFrienders... GriefShare... Groups
- Invitation to Sundays... Pews... Patio
- Fresh Expressions in the Community

When we step _____, we step into God’s presence, God’s plans, and into new, life-giving relationships that would never have been possible.

The Kingdom Is Near

- WHO are the LONELY around you and in the world?
- HOW can you go “the last two feet” and be a friend to those above?
- What are you willing to step away from to go and friend others in Jesus’ name?

“When Isaiah walked out of the temple that day, he was no longer a mourner- he was a missionary.” -Warren Wiersbe