

How to Better Help Hurting People

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Why is This Important to Us?

- ◆ Many people are hurting – lay people and professionals
- ◆ How do you get people to open up?
- ◆ Learn to ask with care.
- ◆ Uninformed people don't know how to ask.
- ◆ Dealing with issues such as schizophrenia, job loss divorce etc.

Assets on Which to Build

- ◆ Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Haugk
- ◆ Many people are in Stephen Ministries
- ◆ Support systems in communities
- ◆ Support systems in church

Recommendations

- ◆ Think "How will this serve the kingdom"
- ◆ Someone who's been through a challenge can help the next one.
- ◆ Listen to Holy Spirit
- ◆ Send sympathy card later
- ◆ Send cards on a schedule to person or grieving person
- ◆ Open door for future conversations
- ◆ Stephen Ministers available to pray with people after church
- ◆ Really listen
- ◆ Don't give up
- ◆ Rides to chemo
- ◆ Angel Tree ministry for people in prison
- ◆ Keep praying