



Strategic Goal #1: Belong

EXCELLENCE IN HELPING PEOPLE BELONG

Helping People Belong Starts with Seeing Them and their Needs

Mark 6:34 “When Jesus landed and saw the large crowd He had compassion on them.”

In the New Testament we find the words “Jesus saw” 18 times.

Jesus’ eyes were open to people around Him and when He saw them He had compassion on them. Why? Because when Jesus saw people He saw their needs. Most often after Jesus saw people and had compassion on them He acted. Sometimes He “began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34). Other times He healed them.

In wanting to be more like Jesus we need to ask God to help us see. Just like the apostle Paul who experienced healing from blindness, we can ask God to open our eyes to the needs of others. All around us is a world of people who have a need and desire to belong. As Christ’s ambassadors, each one of us has the privilege and responsibility to create a place of belonging at our church.

When we come to church on Sunday or for our weekday program we can be like Jesus when we see people: see their needs, have compassion and take action.

When we walk in the foyer on a Sunday do we notice people who are alone, who are not talking, hugging or engaging with others? Do we see the person who needs us to step out of our friendship circle, walk across the room and introduce ourselves and bring them into our conversation?

Paul encourages us in Philippians 2:4-5 to imitate Christ and “look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as Jesus Christ.”

FAITH IN ACTION: God, thank You that You love all people. I pray You would give me eyes to see people and their needs and that You would give me the courage to act and reach out to others.

Having the compassion of Christ in our hearts means helping people feel like they belong.

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