

PEOPLE OF PRESENCE

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Sermon Outline Notes

“More and more, the desire grows in me simply to walk around, greet people, enter their homes, sit on their doorsteps, play ball, throw water, and be known as someone who wants to live with them. It is a privilege to have the time to practice this simple ministry of presence.” H. Nouwen

Being a People of Presence means JUST BEING WITH

OTHERS IS MINISTRY

I. World Inside My Mind

We are People of Presence when WE VALUE PEOPLE OVER IDEAS

*The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.
⁶ But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. 1 Timothy 1:5-6 NLT*

II. A Disembodied Faith

We are People of Presence when WE FOLLOW JESUS'

EXAMPLE OF LOVING OTHERS

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

III. Incarnational Ministry

We are People of Presence when WE GET INVOLVED IN

PEOPLE’S REAL LIVES

*The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish. John 1:14
The Message*

IV. People of Presence

We are People of Presence when WE CREATE SPACE FOR

OTHERS TO BE LOVED AS THEY ARE

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:8-9