

Side by Side – Chapter Ten

1. Did anyone purposely greet one person you do not know well during our fellowship time this morning or at our Harvest Dinner last Saturday?
2. “As a general rule, we will not be able to have growing relationships in which we help other people unless we see the good in them, and they know we see good in them.” Why is this true?
3. “Everything good is a reflection of the God who is good.” How should this truth impact our view of people and our relationships?
4. “Don’t let the unattractive features of someone’s life blind you to the good.” How can we keep the good in mind when the bad knocks us down?
5. Have you ever heard someone say, “I do not really like that person, but I love them in the Lord.”? Evaluate that statement.
6. What “good” things does Paul point out about the Corinthian church in I Corinthians 1:4-9? How should this help us as we seek to see the good in others?
7. What four categories does Welch suggest we should examine as we see the good in others and enjoy them?
8. If I were to say, “Find someone in the circle who is not a relative and exchange with one another a character quality you have seen in each other that you admire” could you do so? Would you be comfortable doing so?
9. How about the same for gifts and talents? Note Welch’s emphasis on serving one another.
10. Are you able to genuinely ask others about their pleasures, interests, and hobbies that do not naturally interest you? Why or why not? Let’s try a few examples.
11. Do you have relationships with others in our church that involve expressions of faith in Jesus Christ and conversations about true spiritual vitality? How can these relationships develop more consistently?