People who communicate well find ____________________________.

*Everyone Communicates, Few Connect*

**Christ the Connector**

**Jesus...**

- ________________ relationships.
- Didn’t allow ________________ to affect his relationships.
- Showed ________________ in relationships.
- Confirmed that relationships are more important than ________________ and ________________.
- Developed relationships in the very last moments of his ________________.

**How Jesus Connected with People:**

Matthew 9:35-38

- Jesus ________________, He connected ________________.
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Philippians 2:1-4

Connecting Questions

1. Have you gotten anything out of following Christ?
2. Has his love made a difference in your life?
3. Does being in a community of the Spirit mean anything to you?
4. Do you have a heart?
5. Do you care?

Philippians 2:4-8

Connecting Challenges

1. Develop ___________ relationships.
   
   Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.

   The 101% Principle: Find the 1% that we agree on and give it 100% of our effort.

   The most important ability that you have is likeability.

2. Put others __________ … Serve them.

   Don’t push your way to the front. Don’t sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside and help others get ahead. (The Message)

   Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. (The Message)

   The High Road Principle: We go to a higher level when we treat others better than they treat us.

High Road Leadership (author unknown)

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.
   Love them anyway.
If you’re good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
   Do good anyway.
If you’re successful, you’ll win false friends and true enemies.
   Succeed anyway.
The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
   Do good anyway.
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
   Be honest and frank anyway.
The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shut down by the smallest men with the smallest minds.
   Think big anyway.
People favor underdogs, but follow only top dogs.
  Fight for the few underdogs anyway.
What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
  Build anyway.
People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.
  Help them anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and you’ll get kicked in the teeth.
  Give the world the best you have anyway.

3. Think like ____________________.

  Jesus thought that connecting with people was more important than declaring

  his ____________________ and claiming his ____________________.