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Becoming the Caring You

1) When we care, we reflect God's image and become more **Christ-like**. *Matthew 23:37, 1 Peter 5:7*

We can see God's love reflected in how our mothers loved us.

2) To become more caring, I have to die to myself and let Christ live through me. *Mark 8:22-25; Romans 2:4*

3) Caring leads others to Christ, and God is glorified.
Luke 5:18-20,26; Luke 5:25-26

When we care for others, we open up the door of their heart to come to Christ. Then God is glorified and our lives are enriched.

"Becoming the Most Caring Church in Whatcom County"
Philippians 2:1-4

"It's not about you." ~Rick Warren

1. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care" ~John Maxwell. **Do you care?**

2. In humility, consider others better than yourselves.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself- it's thinking of yourself less."
~Neil Anderson

James 4:10 - *"Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up."*

"We can do no great things in this life, only small things with great love."
~Mother Teresa

3. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Three Keys to Becoming a More Caring Church:

Key#1: Meet three new people each week.

Key#2: Give them three gifts...

1) a smile 2) a touch 3) a word

Key#3: Take three minutes after service to talk to someone you don't know.

The best you is a caring you, because a caring you is a Christ-like you!

Discussion Questions:

1. Share some way or some time you experienced God's caring love through your mother.
2. Who has God opened your eyes to in order to fill your heart with compassion?
3. What care did you receive from others that opened your heart to receive Christ?
4. How have you experienced God's care through the people at North County? How have you given it to others in big ways and small ways?