

MESSAGE STUDY NOTES: August 14, 2022

"BE BOTH" – Friendship Platinum Series

Warm Up

How was conflict handled in your home growing up?

Read

II Corinthians 2:4-8; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 23:37-39

Main Idea

Three relational strategies:

1. Offer just grace
2. Offer just truth
3. Avoid confronters

Be honest:

1. Approach lovingly
2. Deliver softly
3. Conclude affectionately

"Grace without truth is enabling. Truth without grace is discouraging. Together they are transforming."

Questions for Discussion

1. In church culture, do you think that truth AND grace are offered? Why or why not?
2. Which of the relational strategies do you tend to lean toward the most? Why?
3. What do you think happens in a friendship where either truth or grace is not maximized?

Application

What do you think needs to change (if anything) in how you approach your connect group in order to foster closer connection?

For Mentoring

What idol is preventing you from being full of both truth and grace with others?