



Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 02/04/2024

David Augsburger

“Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable.”

Quick to listen, Slow to speak.

James 1:19 NLT

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, low to speak and slow to get angry.

Prioritize “fully present” listening.

Luke 24:17-18 NLT

He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?” They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.”

Luke 24:19 NLT

“What things?” Jesus asked.

Henri Nouwen

“To care, first of all means to be present to each other. From experience you know that those who care for you become present to you. When they listen, they listen to you. When they speak, they speak to you. And when they ask questions, you know it is for your sake and not their own. Their presence is a healing presence because they accept you on your terms.”

Pause before you Preach.

Stephen Covey 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”

Proverbs 18:2 NLT

Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.

Michael Nichols The Lost Art of Listening

“Genuine listening means suspending memory, desire, and judgment—and, for a few moments at least, existing for the other person.”