

LC Leader Brunch 2019

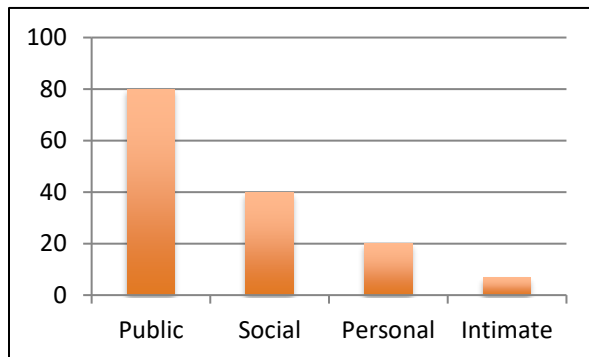
“The development of meaningful relationships where every member carries a significant sense of belonging is central to what it means to be the church.” - Randy Frazee

Our key responsibility this year as Group Leaders is **to help people belong in Jesus and in Christian community**.

To do that, we want to grow in our understanding of belonging, and how people connect in various spaces. In doing so, we can create and nurture stronger small group environments that invite people to be their honest and authentic selves.

4 Types of Spaces where people find themselves. In all 4 spaces, we can find some sense of connection:

- Public – Beyond 8-12 feet – We are strangers.
(Shopping malls, stores, theater and sports events)
- Social – 4-12 feet – A high number of acquaintances, maybe some neighbors.
(Parties, receptions, even church worship services)
- Personal – 18 inches - 4 feet – We hope to be friends.
(Small group gatherings, teams, clubs)
- Intimate – 1-18 inches – Core life-sharing/forming relationships
(Close friendships and family, spouses, significant others, children)



Connecting in all Four Spaces

When people share stories about how they connect with others in significant ways, they reveal that:

- They want help with their lives
- They have a deep longing to belong,
- They seek to connect in spontaneous and healthy ways.

Group life takes place in the **personal space**. Amongst our challenges as leaders is when we bring a “Social” personality to a “Personal” space. We remain acquaintances instead of drawing closer in healthy friendships.

Group leaders want to curate a healthy and safe environment for people to become increasingly personal.

It’s in these contexts that we can share honestly and be our authentic selves.

Discussion Notes