

The Third Option



THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:

Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. **1 Corinthians 14:12 NKJV**

HONOR THE PRESENCE OF THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERYONE YOU SEE.

IN-GROUP/OUT-GROUP: The way we sort people into groups that are either "like me" or "not like me," creating "us" vs. "them."

IN-GROUP BIAS: The tendency to give preferential treatment to people considered "like me."

1. I am more comfortable with those "like me."
2. I am more inclined to spend time socially with those "like me."
3. I am more patient with those "like me."
4. I give the benefit of the doubt quicker to those "like me."
5. I express more grace when mistakes are made by those "like me."
6. It is easier to communicate with those "like me."
7. I assume that I will get along easier with those "like me."
8. I am more willing to go out of my way to help those "like me."
9. I possess more positive assumptions about those "like me."

OUT-GROUP DISCRIMINATION: Withholding in-group bias from those "not like me."

1. I am less comfortable with those "not like me."
2. I am less inclined to spend time socially with those "not like me."
3. I am less patient with those "not like me."
4. I give the benefit of the doubt less to those "not like me."
5. I express less grace when mistakes are made by those "not like me."
6. It is more difficult to communicate with those "not like me."
7. I don't assume that I will get along with those "not like me."
8. I am less willing to go out of my way to help those "not like me."
9. I possess less positive assumptions about those "not like me."

1. Acknowledge your _____ .

Jer. 17:9; 1 John 1:8-10

Social Narrative: The story that defines how we see the world.

2. _____ “those people” as your “brother” / “sister.”

Matt. 22:37-40; John 4:20

No more “those people.”

3. Give “In-Group” _____ to your “Out-Group.” **Matt. 22:37-40; John 4:20**

4. Acknowledge your “brothers” / “sister’s” _____ . **Gal. 6:2**

5. View every “conversation” as a race “_____.” **James 1:19-20**

6. Give your _____ to those “not like you!” **John 15:13**

Asking Jesus into your life is as easy as A-B-C

Gospel A-B-C's

Father, I **A**dmit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God. **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

I **B**elieve that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins.

Romans 5:8

I **C**onfess or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins. **Romans 10:9-10**

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

IF YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT PRAYER AND PRAYED TO ACCEPT JESUS' INVITATION INTO A RELATIONSHIP, TEXT "SAVED" TO 52525.