

Know People

If the Christian life is the art of loving God and loving others, then we can only love others if we know them. Paul's letters overflow with his deep love for and knowledge of others, and this was key to his success as a church planter. 1 Corinthians 9 is key – but so are many other passages. Church planting brings us into contact with other people in a dramatic, intense way.

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I. Philippi - Acts 16

mission does not start with the name of a city but the name of a person

A. Lydia

B. A slave girl

C. A jailer

II. 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

A. Yourself

B. Those like you

C. Those unlike you

D. All people