

Translating Word to Life: Speaking Truth in a Language They Understand

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Challenges to Communication

1) We get to talk, the teens get to translate.

What we say matters, but also it is what they hear that makes a difference.

RESULT: Be a spectator.

Pay attention as one who observes teens and their world as Paul did in Acts 17.

2) The world of the Bible seems so different from the world the teens live in.

Bringing the message to their context includes a healthy comprehension without the message being compromised.

RESULT: Be an instigator.

Pay attention to ways that invite them to listen and give you an avenue to connect.

3) The teens already have a story.

Providing a way for them to express their story can open doors for introducing them to God's Story.

RESULT: Be a narrator.

Pay attention to how they think the world works, so that you can gently and respectfully grant them a better story of God's creation, our fall, God's redemption, and His restoration.