**A LIFE THAT MATTERS**

**"Connect with Others"**

**Mark 12;29-31; I Thessalonians 2:8, 11-12**

***I Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."***

***Matthew 5:16, "In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*** (God's glory is known and praised)

"A life that matters" aligns heart and actions to make God's glory known and praised.

Shades mission statement: "Sending transformed people to influence their world for Christ."

**(Circle diagram)**

***Mark 12:29-31***

***“Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."”***

***I Thessalonians 2:8, "So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."***

***I Thessalonians 2:11-12, "For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."***

1. **Connect with others corporately - join a Sunday School class and/or a small group.**

**II. Connect with others individually**

1. Adjust motives: Give rather than take

2. Remove the mask: Be real

3. Share a meal: Take the initiative.

4. Peel the onion: Be accountable.

***Proverbs 28:23, "Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue."***

***Proverbs 27:6, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."***

5. Get a 2:00 AM friend

***Proverbs 18:24b, "But there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother."***

6. Be a Mentor: Invest in others

***Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."***

*"If you haven't poured your life into others, your life ends with a period. Great Christians end with a comma." -- Chip Ingram*