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DEVELOPING A FABULOUS YOUTH

REMEMBER YOUTH GROUP IS BASED ON FRIENDSHIPS. YOUTH NEED TO FEEL SAFE AND ACCEPTED.

Steve Case



IT'S LIKE BASEBALL!!!

YOUTH GROUP

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HISTORY

- ▶ How do you build History with others?

HISTORY – GETTING ACQUAINTED

- ▶ How do you create History?
- ▶ What can you readily find in common with others?
- ▶ Why is this important?





HISTORY – GAMES TO WELCOME NEW PEOPLE

- ▶ Go around the circle and have each person use a positive adjective that begins with the same sound as their name, such as Happy Holly or Jubilant Jeremy or Friendly Fernando
- ▶ Continue around the circle, adding the next person to the recited list, until everyone is introduced. Continue around the circle twice to seal the names in memory.

—▶ ~~What do you like about these games?~~ —

HISTORY – DON'TS

- ▶ 1. Give lectures or “talks.” Youth get enough of that at school.
- ▶ 2. Don’t learn people’s names.
- ▶ 3. Focus on information.
- ▶ 4. Sit in rows; face the front.
- ▶ 5. Read aloud from printed stuff.
- ▶ What is bad about the five mentioned above?
(group share)



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HIGH 5

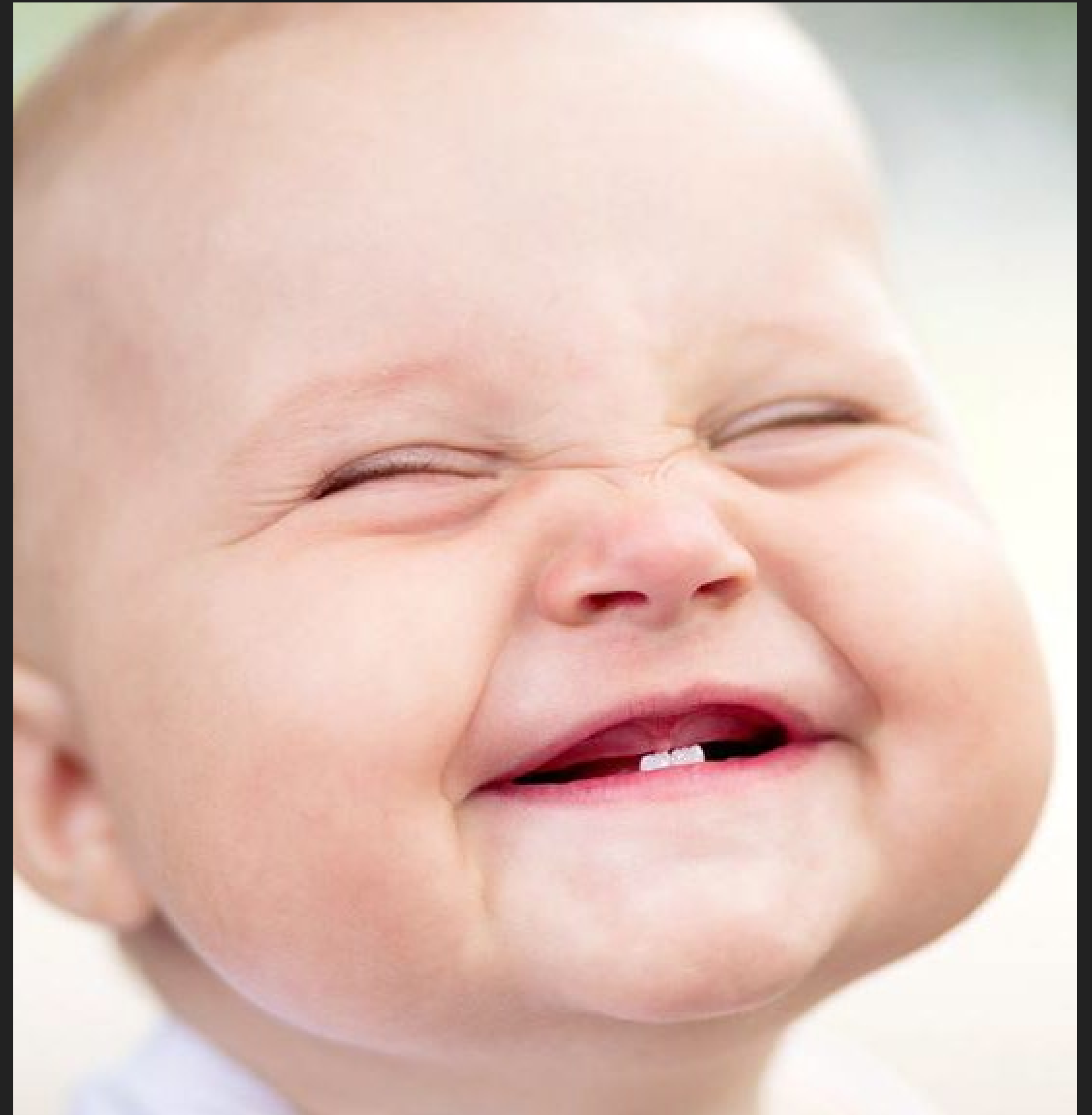
- ▶ What is a High 5 moment?
- ▶ How does that contribute to finding a place to belong?

**“NOT LOOKING TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS
BUT EACH OF YOU TO THE INTERESTS OF
THE OTHERS.” PHILIPPIANS 2:4 NIV**

King Solomon

SMILE AT INDIVIDUALS

- ▶ What difference does a smile make?
- ▶ Share a time when it made a difference for you.





VERBALIZE
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VERBALIZE SOMETHING POSITIVE

- ▶ Give some examples of verbalizing something positive.
 - ▶ Why is this important?
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SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE IN COMMON WITH SOMEONE

- ▶ What makes this a High 5 moment?
- ▶ How does this help?



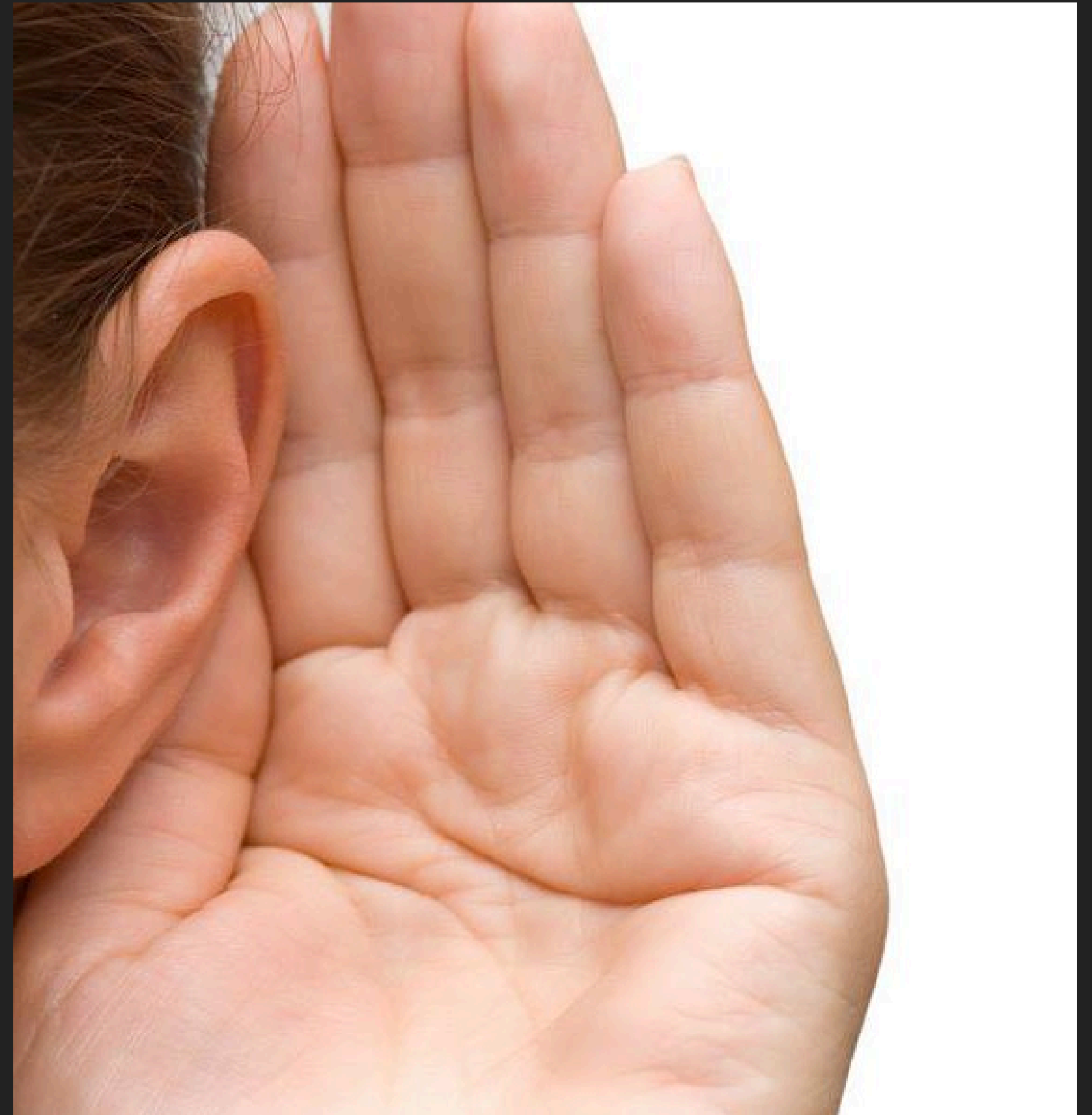


LITERALLY GIVE A “HIGH 5” TO SOMEONE RIGHT NOW

- ▶ When was the first time you can remember receiving a High 5? From who?
 - ▶ What makes High 5s not go out of style?
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LISTEN TO WHAT SOMEONE SAYS

- ▶ Does this really make a difference? If so, why?



SHAME ON YOU

HIGH 5 DON'TS

- ▶ 1. Only be with people you know
 - ▶ 2. Be stoic (or sneer)
 - ▶ 3. Laugh and point at someone
 - ▶ 4. Talk only about yourself
 - ▶ 5. Use "put downs." Youth group should have a few rules, like not put downs.
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- ▶ What is bad about the five mentioned above? (group share)

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HELP

- ▶ Define Help.

ADMIT YOU NEED HELP

- ▶ What does this accomplish?





TAKE A RISK WITH SOMEONE YOU TRUST

- ▶ Tell about a time you did a trust fall.
 - ▶ What did it accomplish?
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MAKE IT ANONYMOUS

- ▶ Is it always best to praise people publicly?
- ▶ What difference does it make when it is anonymous?





HUMBLY HELP OTHERS

- ▶ What makes helping someone else without expecting nothing in return so impactful?
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BE CONFIDENTIAL

- ▶ Is keeping a secret important? Why?



SHAME ON YOU

HELP DON'TS

- ▶ 1. Brag about yourself.
 - ▶ 2. Don't take others too seriously.
 - ▶ 3. Gossip: A good rule: "Be Respectful of the Absent."
 - ▶ 4. Keep things too light and superficial.
 - ▶ 5. Be a person who never admits you need help.
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HOME (I BELONG)

- ▶ Why is this point important, after you've run all the bases?

“AND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES.” MARK 12:33 NIV

Jesus Christ

WAYS TO DO HOME

- ▶ 1. Continue to go around the bases. You never know where a young person may be in their experience.
- ▶ 2. Accept people.
- ▶ 3. Admit mistakes.
- ▶ 4. Ask forgiveness.
- ▶ 5. Celebrate God and others.
- ▶ What is so good about these points?



SHAME ON YOU

HOME DON'TS

- ▶ 1. Look down on others.
- ▶ 2. Be overly private.
- ▶ 3. Point out other's mistakes.
- ▶ 4. Be demanding and critical
- ▶ 5. Be a person who never admits anything.
- ▶ ~~What is bad about the five mentioned above?~~
(group share)

Q & A