

# ASSUME THEY'RE IN THE ROOM

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Assume they are in the room. - Andy Stanley

We become numb to the things that aren't Christian or the church.

Assuming they are in the room will help you identify the people that you're around every single day.

Who "They" Is:

- New believers
- Unbelievers

If you never have to assume that a new believer or an unbeliever is in the room, you are in the wrong room.

Let's be careful to not pull away from the rest of the world.

We are called to be in it, but not of it.

Going and make disciples requires you to leave the room where you're comfortable.

Going and making disciples is conversion.

The local church should have new believers, it's a sign of conversion and transformation, which is the mark of a healthy church.

Look in your church to find people to disciple.

Anything that keeps us from assuming they are in the room is an idol.

5 idols that get in the way of us being able to assume someone else is in the room:

**#1: Speaking Christian-ese. Idol of Biblical knowledge.**

We have to be careful with the words we use.

You might want to preface, explain or add a buffer.

Be considerate of the people around you.

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More than likely, we have a workplace and a local church. Apply this to both.

Using Biblical knowledge is not necessarily a bridge to Jesus in the beginning.

**#2: A cause.**

The gospel attracts people to Jesus, not a cause.

Our cause cannot become an idol.

You have to think about people that have been on the other side of things.

If the cause is above the Jesus, then we are sorely mistaken and we will lead people astray.

**#3: the idolization of me (self)**

It doesn't mean that we sit back and let people tell lies about our Lord.

In being a believer, and attacking someone else online, what impression do you think that gives to people who aren't believers?

It's not appropriate to tear people down and divide people in a public place.

If you don't want to say it to thousands, you shouldn't say it.

Your friends should not be hearing from false teachers more than they hear from you.

Go to the woman you're burdened for.

Social media is a room. You cannot be divisive as a believer.

Personal conversations > public arguments

Your opinion is never more important than the unity of believers.

**#4: the idolization of the church.**

Don't idolize your church to the place where Jesus comes second.

The church cannot be an idol.

The church is flawed.

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When you talk to an unbeliever or new believer, be careful how you talk about the church.

The church is Jesus' plan A. It is a beautiful, wonderful thing, however it is flawed.

The church is the perfect place for brokenness.

There have been a lot of people hurt by the church. They haven't been hurt by Jesus, but yet, they are holding their church hurt against God.

The church: A place where people can get to know God better. Not a place where people can transform into perfect people like the others in the church.

Love your church. Remember not everyone's experience is the same as yours.

The ultimate goal is to get someone into church.

Invite an unbeliever into church to meet Jesus. Elevate Him - not people or programs.

**#5: Idolization of comfort.**

Silence is the most dangerous thing we can do.

Every single time you are out, you look for opportunities to share the love of Christ to someone in the room.

The love of Christ can often be shared in action, demeanor, joy.

Our thoughts, feelings, opinions are in its right place. The craziness of the world is not what we're choosing to worship, idolize or focus on.

Assume every time we are anywhere, we have the opportunity to show the love of Jesus.

Understand in order to assume they are in the room, it starts early in the morning by making sure Jesus is in you. Not just by reading a quick devotion but by also inviting Jesus into our soul to overflow out of us.

If we assume they are in the room, it'll change the way we talk and act.

Make sure your children are in a place where they are around people who don't look like them, believe the same things, etc. It will give them so much empathy for everyone.

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Why would we not put our kids in a place that's different if we understand that the Holy Spirit is real in their lives.

Tell your kids "This is going to be different, just trust Jesus, ok?"

You have nothing to fear. The only thing you can be scared of is if you start to see things the way unbelievers see things.

Expect that you won't fit in, go in and love!