

Communication with Hearing loss

For people communicating with individuals who experience hearing loss.

Clearly see lips

Gestures, facial expressions and lip movements are key in communication. Ensure these are clear and visible. Lighting could affect this if you are standing in front of a window.

Speech

Speak clearly and, if required, slow down. If individuals are asking you multiple times what you are saying, try rephrasing

Sign language

Consider learning sign language as a form of communication.

Gentle

Be kind and considerate towards individuals with hearing loss.

Ears

Typically one ear is better than the other, ensure you are speaking into the individuals strongest ear. They may already know and naturally alter their posture.

Lipreading

If individuals are struggling to hear or understand, consider encouraging them to visit their doctors and develop their lipreading skills. (We all could do this, especially in noisy settings!)

Attention

Ensure you have the individuals attention before you start talking to them.

We are here to help churches and communities build relationships and respond to local concerns of people where they live and work.

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