DEAF SENSITIVITY

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Track Participation: No more than 10

TRACK DESCRIPTION

What is the issue?

Deaf people in our community are likely to suffer from mental health and behavioral issues that stem from feelings of isolation that are caused by communication barriers with the world around them. We will talk about the 90/10, deaf culture awareness, Access laws and how to communicate with a deaf person.

What's being done about it?

Imagine going a foreign country where you don't speak the language, and something happens. In trying to communicate with the other people you get frustrated, and because of your frustration you are perceived to be a threat to others. As a consequence, you end up in an asylum. You don't know what is happening and you don't know how to get out because no one is taking the time to explain that to you in a way that you can understand. Now, let's not go so far, you are home and you are Deaf, and no one can tell you what is happening, because no one in your family took the time to learn how to communicate with you. The Bible calls all Christians to share the gospel. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus tells his followers "All authority is heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." So our question to you is, how will you do this if the Lord calls you to make disciples?

What will they do during IYW?

The Training will be led by Mesa Place Church Lead Interpreters and Pastor (s). The presentation will have information on Deaf Culture Awareness, Access laws and how to communicate with a Deaf person.

The Outreach will give you an opportunity to learn the ASL alphabet, cultural norms and how to approach a Deaf person along with some religious signs that you may use.