## It's Complicated: The Assertive Advantage

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**Question:** What is the most complicated communication experience you've had with someone?

Passive

Aggressive

**Questions:** Where would you place yourself on this line? Why? Give an example. Which side of this line would you consider more biblical? Why?

## Assertiveness is the ability to express your feelings and ask for what you want in the relationship.

Passive Assertive Aggressive

**Questions:** What are some examples of assertive statements? How have you seen people communicate by not being assertive?

**Read** John 1:1, 14

**Question:** What is the significance of Jesus being called the "Word" in these verses?

When you don't value yourself, it is very difficult to value others in a healthy way. **Question:** How does insecurity empower both passivity and aggressiveness in our communication? Give examples of both.

## God, your Heavenly Father, values you, loves you, wants you and chooses you.

**Question:** Which one of these truths is most difficult for you to believe and accept about yourself? Why?

Read Romans 12:9-10

**Question:** What adjustment will you make that will see you delighting even more in honouring others around you?

