

Could your faith space have a conversation about touch?

Any discussion could re-traumatise someone who has had bad experiences in the past. Give advanced warning of any discussion and be prepared to provide zero touch pastoral care if necessary.

Ezekiel 34, v4-5, v23-25
The role of shepherds.

How does this inform our responsibility of pastoral care?

Luke 8, v43-48
A woman touches Jesus' garment.

What does this say about the significance of touch?

1 Corinthians 16, v20
Greet each other with a holy kiss.

What forms of touch are culturally appropriate in our context? Are there other forms of greeting we could use?

“May I...?”



NO touch without permission

Unwanted touch can re-traumatise someone who has experienced sexual abuse.

Some people simply don't like being touched and some people with sensory processing differences may be uncomfortable with touch or find it distressing.

The most loving thing you can do is to **ask permission BEFORE** you touch anyone.

Creating safer spaces for EVERYONE

“MAY I?”

Let's talk about touch.....



... And create safer spaces for everyone