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Hello from Sixth Street! This was my first year attending the Lion's Club Fair in Middletown. I had no idea that I'd be seeing so many new faces. People I'd not met came to the church booth to check out various colors of pen, bracelet, and necklace. Some kids were blown away when we told them that they could take more than one or one of each. It's fun to give stuff to folks, and it's even better when they want what you're giving. That's not always the case. Sometimes a person or congregation gives out what they think people should want, and the folks on the receiving end aren't too thrilled about it. Take salvation, for example. We Christians are called to teach others about the gospel: the good news that Jesus is the Messiah, sent by God to save us from our sin. But if we take this message to ones we don't know and love (yet), those ones could be suspicious of our motives. Why would a stranger care about whether my sins were forgiven? I believe the first step we should take is getting to know our "others" and loving them. Only then will our joy at their salvation make sense.