

Volume 2, Day 6: The Right Kind of Conversations

Fellowship can be around any one of a vast number of common interests. Some are about sports. Others are about vocational pursuits. Still others are about any other topic. So fellowship which will assist you in this particular journey, must be about common interest in knowing God in an intimate way.

In your talks with others there are several useful questions to be asked and answered. "What's God showing you?" "Where are you struggling?" "Where are you getting it right?" "Where do you feel like you've grown due to something that was a significant struggle in your life?"

Here's what you'll notice. The conversations I want you to engage in are not religious conversations. What I mean by religious conversations, is ones that usually make you feel accused or they focus on your performance in a behavioral sense. They feed your guilt. They make you stressful, competitive, or conflicted. They make you want to pretend to be something you're not, instead of living in the reality of what you in reality are. If you're caught up in those, you're stuck in a religious fellowship, not a relationship.

The kind of conversations that induce loving feelings toward God are very different from religious ones. I'm referring to those that are more relaxed. They're real. They are genuine. They're enlightening and refreshing, as well as encouraging. You go away from them wanting to trust God more, wanting to follow Him with more of your own heart. Those who set you at ease in God's life are those who are having a better conversation with God than the performance overtones often associated with religion. You might actually find these good conversations outside of church circles.