

## Biblical Fellowship Week 5: Questioning and Curiosity

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### Relationships begin when we get curious and ask questions.

- Asking a question is giving an invitation to be \_\_\_\_\_. You're saying, "Trust me! I want to get to know you better."
- Conversation continues when the other person gives an \_\_\_\_\_ response. They're saying, "Sure, I'll trust you. Here, let me tell you a bit about me."
- Trust is built even more when the other person asks a question back to you and when you respond.
- This process of back-and-forth being curious, asking and answering, forms relationships.

### In this process, we need to be careful of:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: dodging questions or answering superficially
2. \_\_\_\_\_: when one person is the only one asking questions
3. \_\_\_\_\_: asking deep questions too soon in a new or young relationship

### Questions to ask at each level of your relationship:

#### Level 1: We just met.

1. How many siblings/kids do you have? What's your birth order?
2. When did you meet your spouse? How did you meet?
3. Where'd you grow up? How did you like living there? What brought you to where you live now?
4. What do you do for a living? What do you like and dislike about it? What led you to do that job?
5. What do you like to do for fun? What do you enjoy about those hobbies?

#### Level 2: We're hanging out 1:1 now.

1. What'd you think about the sermon?
2. If you could do anything right now and not worry about money or success, what would you do?
3. What kind of kid were you? What was your college or early adult experience like?
4. What were some attractive qualities in your spouse that made you want to marry them?
5. Who is someone you really admire? Why?

#### Level 3: We hang out pretty regularly.

1. What's your testimony?
2. What was your childhood like? How was your relationship with your family members growing up?
3. What are your greatest achievements to this date? What are your greatest failures?
4. Who are the people who have really made an impact in your life? Why?
5. How can I encourage you and pray for you this week?
6. How is your marriage and your relationship with your kids? Are you walking faithfully with them?
7. What have you been reading in Scripture lately? What is God teaching you?

#### Level 4: We're as close as family.

1. Genuinely, how have you been feeling lately? What's leading you to feel that way?
2. What has the Lord been doing in your life lately? Where have you felt His presence and absence?
3. What are specific examples of your sin struggles? How do you see your Core Belief show up in those areas? Where do you feel like the Gospel is weak or even missing in your life?
4. What can I do to help keep you accountable?

### Get curious!

1. Be fully present.
2. Resist processing information as "good" or "bad", "like" or "dislike", "agree" or "disagree". Ask why.
3. Follow emotion and energy spikes. Ask more about what led to those spikes
4. Remember you can always learn from others, no matter how different they are from you.
5. Use what you know to grow more of it (i.e. what is the context of where you are?).