

Side By Side –Chapter 9

1. Did anyone purposely greet one person you do not know well during our fellowship time this morning? Did anyone consider the list of priorities as found on page 76 while greeting today?
2. Are you rejoicing in being with other brothers and sisters in Christ today? This is an ultimate fulfillment of the "holy kiss" that we considered last week.
3. How can taking Psalm 139, Romans 15:1-7, Romans 16:1-2, and Philippians 2:4 seriously help us as we have thoughtful conversation with others?
4. Who in your life is one step ahead of you in getting to know people? What does that person do or say that can be of help to you in this area?
5. Welch said conversations/introductions that go nowhere happen more often with men than with women? Do you agree?
6. How can considering the chart on page 18 help in formulating thoughtful conversations with others.
7. What does Welch mean by, "We listen for signs of life."?
8. Good questions ask for personal responses according to Welch. Do you agree with this? He mentioned some on page 81 that he said are not personal. Is that necessarily so? What questions would be better?
9. Does the question "How are you?" have to be a mere conversation starter, or can it lead to deeper conversations?
10. What are some questions or other conversation transitions that can help move away from "small talk" to spiritual matters?
11. How does praying for others entrench us in the ongoing story of their lives?