

Part 3: Walk with Me

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How do we get connected with people to have the conversation?

It doesn't have to be complicated.

Exodus 33:7-11

Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

What we know:

Moses had a relationship with God

Moses had a relationship with Joshua

Joshua had a relationship with God

The best way for someone to get to know God is to get to know someone who knows God.

What we can't control: if someone else will follow Jesus

What we can control: if someone follows you, will they get to Jesus?

If someone doesn't know God, what would he/she need from someone who does, to be willing to have a spiritual conversation?

Not to be <u>persuaded</u>, but to be <u>pursued</u>

Not to be instructed, but to be invited

Not more lessons, more love

The 3-Word Manifesto

How Moses, Jesus, and everyone in between has started "walk with me" relationships leading toward the conversation:

Just do stuff.

With who?

Who is God asking you to love?

Who do you <u>like</u>?

You don't get to pick all of them.

You do get to pick some of them.

Who will you bring in to your life to walk with you?

Next Steps

Starting Spiritual Conversations Class

4 Mondays, October 5-26 | 6:30-8:15 PM in Room 213 • \$15

This class will help you find natural beginnings for spiritual conversations, learn to share your story, and explain God's story when the time is right.

See CTK Life page 9 for registration info and page 7 for childcare info.

Small Group Questions

- Have you ever been offered a ridiculously complicated answer to a simple question? Tell us about it.
- 2) Has someone ever tried to start a spiritual conversation with you when they didn't know anything about you? What was that like?
- 3) Are you walking through life right now (or in the past) with people who don't know God? Is God prompting you to start a spiritual conversation with one or more of those people? What would that look like?
- 4) Sometimes we find ourselves trapped in a Christian bubble, only sharing life with those who share our faith. If that describes you, who would you like to start walking with?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?