

I WAS WONDERING

Noel: Mission of Love

week 3

INCREASING CONVERSATIONS

- So far we have been surprised by our new approach to bringing the Good News of Jesus to others and increasing the quality and quantity of our spiritual conversations with not-yet-believing people.
 - A. We have learned from Acts and Romans that God is very close to people who appear far from Him.
 - B. We have learned that we must become better at noticing people and praying for them before we seek to speak to them.
 - C. We have learned that noticing them will lead to us listening to them and this is even more important than speaking in the beginning.
- Noticing and Listening will lead to ways to serve another person and in that conversation we can begin to WONDER with them. Wondering is more powerful than you think!

I WONDER...

In his book, *Jesus Is The Question*, by Martin B. Copenhaver he writes, “Contrary to some common assumptions, Jesus is not the ultimate Answer Man, but more like the Great Questioner. In the Gospels Jesus asks many more questions than he answers. To be precise, Jesus asks 307 questions. He is asked 183 of which he only answers 3. Asking questions was central to Jesus’ life and teachings. In fact, for every question he answers directly he asks—literally—a hundred.”

WHAT GOOD IS WONDERING?

4 reason why wondering with others will increase our spiritual conversations with others...

1. Wondering with another will invite them to search for answers with you.
2. Wondering with another will cause us all to look in the mirror at our own cherished beliefs.
3. Wondering with another will cause them to wrestle with their own contradictions about their false beliefs.
4. Wondering with another communicates respect and leads them to the most powerful way to find answers- through self-discovery.

WONDERING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Since we know 91% of Americans are celebrating Christmas and most of them have a gap between their celebration and the personal Savior behind it all. What if we help them wonder about Christmas?

WONDERING TOGETHER

- Do you ever wonder why Christmas has become so focused on shopping?
- I wonder how God could really fit in a bod?
- I'm wondering, what means the most to you about Christmas? Why is that?
- I wonder why stores will play music about Jesus at Christmas but not at other times of the year?