



Week 3: Conversations

When we see things from another person's point of view, it helps us move toward one another. It removes walls and defenses and allows us to see one another a little differently. But what's next? How can we continue the conversation?

Discussion Questions

1. In your experience, what are some things that contribute to a good conversation?
2. Where is one of your favorite places to have a conversation? What makes it a great place to talk with someone?
3. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other." How do you see that sequence playing out in current events?
4. How does understanding another person's history influence your conversation with them?
5. Pastor Lee Jenkins gave us five steps for having a reconciling conversation. For each one, discuss: Why is it important? What does it look like? What are some obstacles? How can we overcome them?
 - Listen
 - Believe
 - Befriend
 - Care for
 - Stand up for

With regard to racial reconciliation, there has been progress, but more needs to be done. As followers of Jesus, we are called to unity. Jesus even prayed for it. In light of his teaching, what are the implications for us as the body of Christ? What can you do to initiate a conversation with a person from another racial background?