

## **HOW TO HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS**

These are examples of questions you can use to have increasingly meaningful conversations and build relationships with the people of God. Too often, our conversations stay at the surface level and never move to a place where we start to truly connect with each other. If we are going to become a dwelling place for God through our relationships, we need to learn to have meaningful conversations and meaningful responses.



TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOU. (ASK ABOUT FAMILY, WORK, BACKGROUND, INTERESTS, ETC.)

WHAT'S THIS SEASON BEEN LIKE FOR YOU?

WHAT'S GOD BEEN SAYING TO YOU?

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP GOD IS ASKING YOU TO TAKE?

**HOW'S YOUR HEART?** 

## **HOW TO RESPOND IN A MEANINGFUL WAY:**

**LISTEN** – Listen with your ears and your heart

**LOOK THEM IN THE EYE** – Be present and focused on them

**RESPOND TO WHAT THEY SAY** – Acknowledge their answers with interest, encouragement, and compassion

**ASK FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS** – Take the conversation deeper ("Tell me more.", "How does that make you feel?", "How can I help?")

DON'T TALK ABOUT YOURSELF - This isn't about you!

**PRAY FOR THEM** – Either in the moment or during the week

FOLLOW UP - People feel loved and valued when you remember what they said and respond