

One Conversation: Trusting God for Growth

Welcome:

“Can you briefly share how your One Prayer has been going—encouraging, challenging, or eye-opening?”

What Is “One Conversation”?

One Conversation is a simple intentional connection with someone God placed in your life.

One Conversation is about being present with someone.

1 Thessalonians 2:8, “...we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves.”

- Simple — It happens in ordinary moments.
- Natural — It grows from real relationship.
- Relational — Quietly says, “You matter to me.”
- Spirit-led — God prepares the moment, softens hearts, and opens doors.

Why Conversation Matters?

- Because conversation is the space where trust grows.
- Faith often grows through series of conversations.
- Conversation often reveals what God may already be doing in your “one’s” heart.
- Conversation is where Jesus often worked.

Luke 19:5–7, “And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

Quick Table Discussion: Think about your “one.” In one word, what kind of conversation do they need right now? And why do you think that?”

Workshop Roadmap:

Part 1. **Notice**

Part 2. **Listen**

Part 3. **Cultivate**

Part 1: Notice—Becoming Aware of the Soil

1. Outreach doesn’t start with speaking. It starts with noticing.
 - **Matthew 9:36 says:** “When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”
2. Noticing the Soil
 - The “soil” represents the condition of a person’s heart.
 - Paying attention to what may be happening beneath the surface — without assuming, labeling, or diagnosing.
 - We are not judging the soil. We are simply noticing and responding with compassion.
3. What Notice Look Like in Everyday Life?
 - A friend seems quieter than usual.
 - Someone looks frustrated or discouraged.
 - Instead of laughing it off, you notice there may be something deeper going on.
4. The Story of Trader Joe’s — Transactional vs. Relational
5. How do we grow in noticing?
 - Slow your pace.
 - Pay attention to the heart.
 - Stay interruptible.

Table Discussion #1 (8 min) As you've been praying for your one, what have you noticed recently about their life or heart?

Part 2: Listen—Understanding the Soil

1. What Does It Mean to Listen? (James 1:19)
 - **James 1:19** says, “let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger;”
 - Listening is one of the most Christlike ways we can care for others (**Luke 24:13-35**)
 - Listening is Love.
 - “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, (1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV)**
 - Listening Helps you better understand the Soil.
2. Listening always starts small.
3. The Story of the Bathtub Drain Tool: *What Happens When We Don't Feel Heard*

Table Discussion #2 (12 min) Read Luke 24:13-26 at your table and reflect

“What stands out to you about how Jesus approached the disciples? What is one thing we can learn from His example?”

Part 3: Cultivate — Trusting God with the Soil

1. What Does It Mean to Cultivate?
 - Cultivation is faithfully participating in what God is already doing.
 - Jesus said, “The Father is the gardener.” (**John 15:1**)
 - And Paul reminds us, “...but God gives the growth.” (**1 Corinthians 3:7**)
 - **1 Corinthians 3:9** says, “For we are God’s fellow workers...”
2. Why Do We Cultivate?
 - “...because Christ first love us.” (**1 John 4:19**)
3. Cultivation Is Walking with, not Working On.
 - We celebrate with them in joy. We grieve with them in sorrow.
 - **Romans 12:15** says, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”
4. Cultivation requires patience.
 - Farmers do not plant on Monday and harvest on Friday.
 - I panted, Apollos watered, **but God gave the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6)**
5. Practical Ways to Cultivate Every Season of the Soil.
 - Ask thoughtful questions.
 - “What do you want Me to do for you?” (**Mark 10:51**)
 - “Do you want to get well?” (**John 5:6**)
 - “Do you love Me?” (**John 21:17**)
 - Share small pieces of your story.
 - **John 9:25** says, “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”
 - Respond to life moments.
 - “...Jesus himself drew near and went with them.” (**Luke 24:15**)

Table Discussion #3 (8 min) “What relational actions and steps could you take these coming weeks?”

Final Wrap-up

Remember: We are not responsible for the growth. We are responsible for faithful presence.

Word of Encouragement: Jesus did not choose impressive people. He chose fishermen. Tax collectors. Ordinary men and women.