

WEEK 4: Changing the Conversation with God

INTRODUCTION

Prayer may be the most misunderstood form of conversation. In fact, many people say they run out of things to talk to God about after only a few minutes. Today, let's talk about how to change our conversation with God and discover more about how to hear God speak to us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share some of your pet peeves about people's poor conversation etiquette. What are some of the things that irritate you when you are in a conversation with someone?
2. In terms of minutes, how long is your average prayer with God?
3. Read Luke 11:1. What did the disciple ask Jesus to do for them? Let your imagination wander a bit and ask yourselves why he would ask Jesus to teach them.
4. Read Matthew 6:5-8. Read each of these sentences again and make your own observations as to why you think Jesus gives this instruction before He teaches them the Lord's prayer.
5. Read Romans 8:26-27. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in helping change our conversation with God.

MOVING FORWARD

A prayer: "Dear God, help me to develop the ability to hear You speak to me. Open my eyes and ears to listen to You, and to respond to what You say to me. May my conversations with You become the most valuable conversation of my day, everyday."