

# Wellspring

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS

**IN THEIR SHOES**  
LUKE 10:38-42



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Conversations can be tough. Whether a spouse, a friend, a coworker, or anyone in today's highly charged social and political environment, we often don't know what to say or how to talk well with others--especially with people whose backgrounds differ from our own. The series *Constructive Conversations* will address why conversation has become such a challenge in the 21st century and perhaps the most-needed spiritual practice of our individualistic age.

Conversation is like the working of the human body. Bodies are wondrous symphonies of diverse, intricate parts striving for our health, and our health suffers when these parts fail to converse effectively. Likewise, we must learn to converse effectively with all people so we can embody Christ together in the world. In community and through constructive conversations, we learn what it means to belong to others and to share a story that is bigger than ourselves.

Whether you're looking to improve your relationship with your spouse, navigate difficult conversations at work, or connect on a deeper level with friends and family, this series will deliver simple, practical, biblically proven techniques for improving the conversations in your life. We look forward to worshiping and growing alongside you in faith and constructive conversations.

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# New Study Group

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We want to organize a study group to consider issues related to living life fully in retirement. We are looking for those seeking a spiritual path to include doing inner work to face our concerns about aging, finding our unique paths to grateful and joyful living with purpose, navigating life's transitions with grace, harvesting wisdom from life review, and facing our mortality.

The study group may read books on the subject, invite speakers, and watch videos on topics related to retirement and aging from an emotional, spiritual, psychological and medical perspective, and meet regularly to share ideas and support each other.

Activities might include researching and planning how to repurpose our talents - as volunteers, artists, teachers, writers, public speakers or other ways of contributing to our church and community. Projects may include writing one's personal spiritual autobiography, their personal Credo, or adopting a personal program to grow in spiritual practice and wisdom. Some may want to adopt core practices such as meditation, journaling, spiritual companionship, learning to pray, and to draw increasing strength and inspiration from learning to experience the reality of divine presence.

## LET US KNOW!

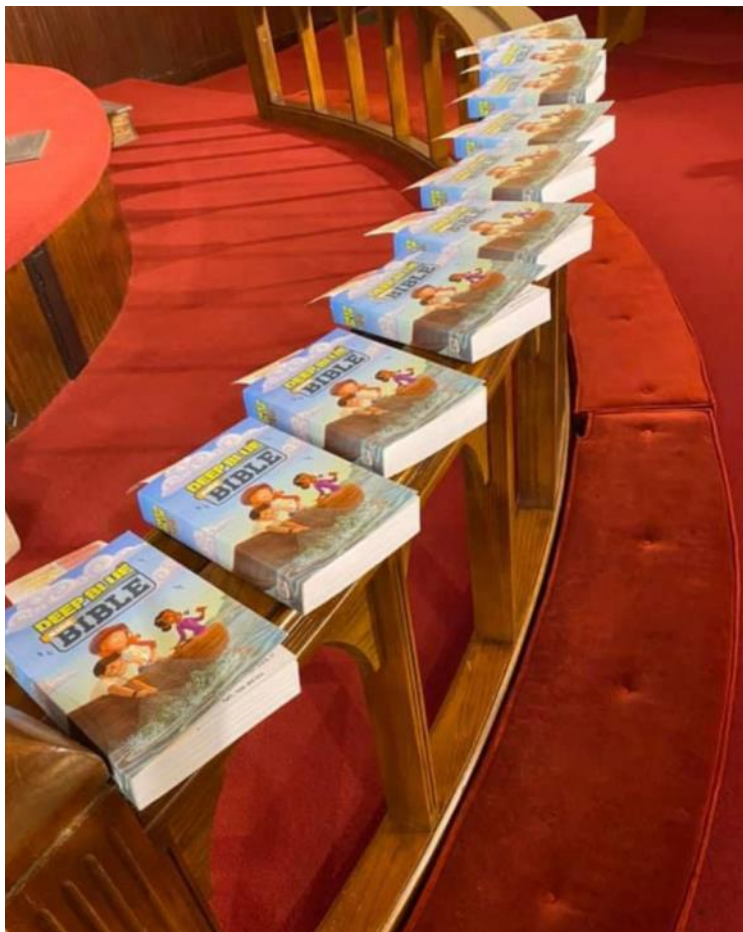
If you would be interested in meeting to organize and plan such a study group, please contact Tom Kirwin or Dr. Don Renshaw. Leave your name, phone number and email address, along with your comments and suggestions. As soon as we determine how much interest there is, we will contact you with information about a virtual or live kickoff meeting.

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## Our 3rd Graders Received Bibles!

Pray for these children and their families!

Grace Marie Anderson  
Margaret Ann Baker  
Dylan James Bjork  
Carson Rebecca Boling  
Beckett Christopher Botello  
Owen Carter Brown  
Connor Clay Christensen  
Cooper Clifton Christensen  
Colton Cooley  
Emily Lynn Dempsey  
Tessa Marie Di Chiara  
Adelaide Helene Dorff  
Mallory Marlene Duncan  
Raylan Turner Eckenrode  
Joshua Thomas Enright  
Hope Katherine Ford  
Clayton James Fulenchek  
Sebastian Xander Garza  
Chloe Michelle Garza  
Collier Ward Hammon  
Evaleigh Naomi Hathcote  
Graham Jackson  
Addison Rachel Jeanes

Cullen E. Jenkins  
Clara Ann Langsdale  
London  
Alexis Marjorie Jane Marsh  
Crawford James McWilliams  
Andrew Corrigan Miller  
Heike Elm Mott  
Brynn Elizabeth Novich  
Morgan Ruth Olive  
Mason James Olive  
Sarah Elizabeth Rains  
Grace Katherine Russell  
Luke Alan Russell  
Rebecca Russell  
Sailor Elizabeth Shipley  
Ryder Bryson Smith  
Jacob Monroe Sokolewicz  
Charlotte Adeline Street  
Alauna Taylor  
Brynlee Marie Turner  
Olivia Paige Turner  
Derek Jackson Wade  
Bryce A. Wiklund

# Constructive Conversations: In Their Shoes

## Consider the following questions:

1. What are some obstacles that get in the way of you having constructive conversations with others?
2. Out of your list, select the one obstacle that seems to occur most often. Why do you think this obstacle continues to be a challenge in your conversations?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.
4. Consider your body for a moment. What would happen if a part of your body was not functioning properly?
5. As Christians we are called to be “the body of Christ.” What happens when the body of Christ is not functioning well together?
6. Consider again your main obstacle to conversations. How might things change if your conversations were based on the reality that those you are talking with are a part of the same body...taking on the mindset that we are in this together?
7. Read Ephesians 4:29-32.
8. What parts of this scripture “speak” to you?
9. Look again at verse 29. What criteria should we have when speaking?
10. Before your next conversation, especially the challenging ones, remind yourself that we are to be the body of Christ and our words should be helpful and build others up.
11. Spend time in prayer.

## Sermon Notes

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- † The Crabtree and the Boggus Family on the loss of Linda Crabtree's nephew Austin Boggus
- Alicia Bankert
- Bill Bunting
- Bruce Cochrane
- Carl and Margaret Edwards
- Charles Whatley
- Craig Edwards
- David Franck
- Debra Duffy
- Doug Wilson
- Gaither Day
- Geoffrey Ammeter
- Grant Pollard
- Harold and Jan Richardson
- Jan O'Reilly
- Jeremy Michaels
- John Lyle
- John Nicks
- Jon Day
- Judy Cox
- Lawrence Lowe
- Lorraine Brown
- Mary Purtle
- Mary Tuggle
- Rosie Manus
- Stachia Hicks
- Tina Cristina
- Vi Rentz
- Wyatt Skaines
- Rev. David and Cindy Ceballos, Missionaries in Panama
- Chad & Nancy Bradley, Missionaries in Ethiopia
- All our members in care facilities
- Everyone affected by the Coronavirus
- Families experiencing job loss
- Those experiencing homelessness
- Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti
- Melissa United Methodist Church
- Caldwell Elementary School
- Military service members including:  
Capt Scott Adler, Capt Libby Adler, Sofia Lerma Alarcon, 1st Lt Joe Beeby, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CT12 Abigail Burns, CPT Aaron Bush, CPL Bradley Bush, AFC Drew Causey, 2nd Lt Vincent Chavez, Capt Ryan Clark, PFC Paul Confalone, Sgt Martin Damian DeLeon, GY Sgt Jim Ellsworth, Kevin English, Patrick English, James Evans, Lt Col David Faulk, PFC Cody Furstenberg, Charlie Gilbert, LC CPL Robert Gray, ETN2 Cory Halberstadt, CPT Josh Hewett, Pvt John Wesley Holder Jr., LT Mark Jbeily, Lt Col Jim Johnston, Ryan Kidd, Avery Montana Krast, Lt Ryan Lubin, Alec Mack, Lt Logan McQuerry, Maj. Richard Milam, Chap MAJ Tim Shepherd, Maj Chuck Miller, AFC Kevin G. Persons, Jr., MSGT, SFC Tyler Renshaw, 2nd Lt. Austin Rine, Bobby Sanders, SR4 Nick Schofield, Colby Seamster II, Jonathan Spiegel, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Specialist Zach Vernier, CPL Mike Wilkes, Jose Almaguer, SPC Blake Robertson.