**Wondering Questions**

*Our wonder can be expressed in a multitude of ways, but there is something about beginning a question with “I’m wondering” that sets it apart. While anything can be overused, this phrase tends to soften the language that follows. It has the potential to instantly create God Space by demonstrating that we have been sincerely thinking about something they said. It also protects us from dominating the conversation with our own worldview. – Doug Pollock*

**Good Wondering Questions...**

* ...are born out of a desire to better understand someone.
* ...flow naturally out of your context and your conversations.
* ...demonstrate that you have listened thoughtfully.
* ...are open-ended and promote more dialogue and reflection.
* ...probe sensitively and reflectively into someone’s belief system.
* ...compel others to investigate the Christian life.

**Wondering is *NOT...***

* ...using questions to gain control of a conversation so you can get your point across.
* ...a set of memorized questions to herd people toward a decision you think they should make.
* ...a springboard from which to launch into a monologue.

**Good Ways to Start Wondering**

* That’s an interesting perspective; I’m wondering how you arrived at that conclusion.
* If I could arrange for you to speak at my church about your impression of Christians, I’m wondering what you would say.
* I’m wondering what role religion has played in shaping your life.
* I’m wondering why the topic of God seems to stir up such strong emotions in you.
* I’ve thought long and hard about our last conversation; here’s what I’m still wondering about.
* I’m wondering how my answer to that question made you feel.
* Your comments on the subject have left me wondering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* I’m wondering what you think you’d have to give up or lose to become a Christian.
* I’m wondering what you think it would take for you to acknowledge the reality of God’s existence.
* As we’ve been talking, I’ve heard you talk about several things that seem to be missing in your life right now. I’m wondering if you’re searching for something that’s capable of filling those voids.

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