

ENGAGING SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Weekend Plans

Christian witnesses take what the world recognizes as valuable and reorganizes and re-prioritizes those truths. For example, Sam, a heavy equipment operator, asked the guys riding home in the company van, “What are you fellas doing this weekend? I’m planning on tying one on! I can hardly wait to cash my paycheck. This will be a weekend to remember.” Turning to Loren, a ministerial student working in construction to make his way through college, Sam mocked, “And I suppose you are going to drink milk on Saturday night!” The other men in the van chuckled heartily.

Loren felt the sharp knife of sarcasm. He knew Sam, once raised in the church, liked to poke fun at Christians. “Sam, I want you to have fun. Please take care of yourself. I don’t know what God would do without you helping me become humble. I’ll probably be drinking milk and preparing my Sunday School lesson. You know I teach the junior-highers. They are a delight to be around. They are caught up in the whirl of relationships. But I think they are learning more and more how to honor God.”

For a moment the silence felt awkward. Then Bernie quickly pointed to a passing tavern, “Sam, do we need to stop at Wise Guys Bar or can you make it home first?”