

- 1) How can learning about communication change your life?
 - a) Remember communication is about connecting.
 - b) So if you were to improve your communication skills you could theoretically improve your connections.
 - c) And your connections are everything!
- 2) Communication basics
 - a) Talking
 - b) Listening
 - c) Repeatedly
- 3) Your connection to God
 - a) Philippians 3:10-11
¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
 (NIV)
- 4) Your connection to spouse
 - a) Love language
 - b) Conflict, negotiating
 - c) Intentional connecting habits
- 5) Your connection in family
 - a) Understanding each child
 - b) Discipline
 - c) Encouragement
 - d) Inspiration
- 6) Your connection with friends and/or support group
 - a) Making friends
 - b) Keeping friends
 - c) Getting real with friends that support you in the most important aspects of your life
- 7) Your connections in the kingdom
 - a) Knowing what God is doing around the world
 - b) Using your gifts and abilities to help beyond your local situation
- 8) Your connections in the world
 - a) Feeling comfortable engaging the world around you
 - b) Knowing how to effectively engage the world around you
 - c) Knowing and being confident with several ways that you could engage the world around you
- 9) What if you were to become more effective in these communication skills?
 - a) Making conversation
 - b) Negotiating
 - c) Selling
 - d) Conflict resolution
 - e) Giving comfort
 - f) Giving encouragement

- g) Giving a challenge
 - h) Apologizing
 - i) Inspiring
 - j) Rallying
 - k) Leading questions
 - l) Sparking interest
 - m) Clear reasoning
 - n) Giving comfort
 - o) Emotive listening
 - p) Drawing out emotions
 - q) Listening a conflict away
 - r) Appropriate humor
 - s) Going deep
 - t) Unearthing the gold
- 10) What might be the result for your life?
- a) More knowledge opportunities to grow in its use
 - b) More opportunities to discover and use your God given gifts
 - c) More success in all that God gives you to do
 - d) More possibilities of becoming an effective mentor and coach for others
 - e) Better job – more pay, more responsibility, more satisfaction
 - f) More influence
 - g) Better marriage
 - h) Better family life
 - i) Closer to God
 - j) More satisfying friendships
 - k) More leadership opportunities in community and church
 - l) More opportunities to make a **difference**