

Communication / Communion / Union

1. What is God's Word and what is it for?
 - a. Communication (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - i. God's own consciousness
 - ii. Breathed by the Holy Spirit
 - iii. Into human hearts and minds
 - iv. Progressive (2 Pet. 1:19-21)
 - b. Communion
 - i. John 5:39-40
 - c. Union
 - i. Fullness of human capacities
 - ii. Col. 2:9-10

2. Relationship with God progresses from:
 - a. Communication....communion.....union
 - b. Personal.....intimate.....organic
 - c. 1 John 4:12
 - d. 1 Peter 4:10-11

3. Misuse of the Bible
 - a. Relationship vs. "answer book"
 - b. Text vs. voice
 - c. Study vs. journey
 - d. Facts vs. faith
 - e. Labels vs. love

4. The Bible gets us ready for God
 - a. Cleverness vs. humility
 - b. Lessons vs. life
 - c. Ideas vs. incarnation
 - d. Phil. 2:13

5. God comes to you disguised as your own life
 - a. The Sacrament of the Present Moment John Pierre DeCaussade
 - b. Self Abandonment to Divine Providence DeCaussade

6. "The scandal of the particular" (Walter Bruegerman--Genesis)
 - a. Most of the biblical text is mundane, daily
 - b. Gen. 24:63

7. Incarnation destroys dualism
 - a. Most of our life is lived in the daily, the ordinary
 - b. Everything holds the great secret
 - c. Eph. 4:6

8. We are called to union
 - a. Heb. 4:12-13
 - b. 1 Pet. 1:4
 - c. True biblical faith leaves us vulnerable to reality
 - d. God is in everything!

9. Bad news: we are utterly exposed

10. Good news: we are constantly invited and always companioned

11. Matt. 28:20 "*I am with you always.*"