

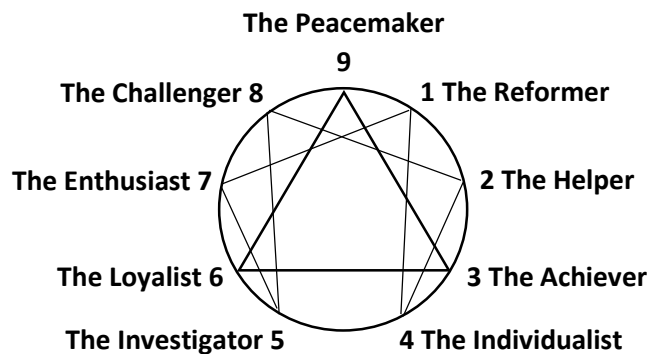
Conversation Starters

- What do you think the person next to you (or someone you know well) would do if they had some unexpected free time to do whatever they wanted?
- Do you know what their favorite food is?

Discuss

The lines in the Enneagram are meant to help us as we learn how to relate to one another, regardless of their type. In the Bible, there is a verse that, while speaks about the dynamics of a husband and wife, reminds us that all relationships require some degree of translation as we try to interact and relate to others:

“Husbands...treat your wife with understanding as you live together...” (1 Peter 3:7, NLT)



- Have you thought about how you are wired up compared to others around you?
- When going into a conversation with someone, do you stop on the front end to think and try to understand how they will receive what you are saying?

Everyone has a different way of reacting to challenges or situations in life. We make decisions differently, with varying degrees of intensity, and operate at different paces. We are wired up uniquely.

- How would you react to a direct challenge to you?
- Do you know how others close to you would react?

In light of understanding that we are all different, it’s important to note that no one’s type is bad, but we all need to work on translation. We need to own our type and then grow in appreciation of others.

- What have you learned about your type and how it can help you grow spiritually?
- In what areas of your life can you extend more grace to others?

Next Steps

Pick someone around you to learn more about, and how you can relate in better ways to them. Consider inviting them to take the Enneagram quiz.

Pray

Father, you know each of us so well and have a love for us that is deeper than we can comprehend. We don’t always show that same love to others, and desperately need your grace in this area of our life. Thank you for the model that Jesus is for us in how we relate to the people around us. Please help us grow in our understanding of ourselves and the people around us so that we can relate to each other in a way that is reflective of the example that Christ showed us.

Resources

The Road Back to You by Suzanne Stabile

The Path Between Us by Suzanne Stabile

Online Enneagram Test: <https://www.exploreyourtype.com/details>