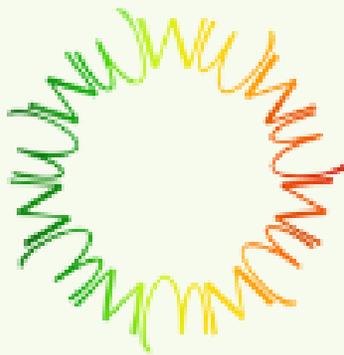


Weekly Wisdom

Grow the Green for You and Your Team



“We are more intimately bound to one another by our kindred doubts than by our brave conclusions.” -- Charles D’Ambrosio

Curiosity Did *Not* Kill the Cat

Are you willing to believe that you are wrong about something?

Which do you value more: the truth or your own beliefs?

These are two questions posed by philosopher David Smith who teaches ways to bridge our divides. (How was *your* Thanksgiving holiday?)

“To have a chance at really hearing other beliefs,” he says, “you have to value truth more than your own opinion.” This requires humility.

Curiosity is key to bridging divides. Monica Guzman has several tips:

- **Share snapshot opinions.** Your opinion is not something you have to defend, it’s where your mind is right now. Not necessarily forever.
- **Change the question.** Instead of trying to win or change minds, ask “What makes each perspective understandable?”
- **Listen longer.** Resist the impulse to elaborate on your own opinion.
- **Say “I don’t know” when you don’t know.**