

Leading Questions
Center for Faith & Learning Scholar Program
Dinner Dialogue #2
2022-2023

Text: Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope by belle hooks

Chapter: Teach 11, “Heart to Heart: Teaching with Love” Pp. 127 – 137

1. Go around the table and introduce yourself and share one highpoint/challenging time of your 'love in education' journey relating to your experience in the classroom whether teaching, learning or research since we last gathered.
2. belle hooks says “love in the classroom prepares teachers and students to open minds and hearts”
 - Go around the table and share what you think hooks is saying....is this true for you and your experience?
 - Share a classroom experience that opened your heart and mind for deeper learning and/or perhaps one experience that did not welcome open minds and hearts.
3. Begin your dialogue using the text to explore the challenges that hooks gives us:
 - loving....and caution.
 - objectivism/narcissism
 - competition/connection
 - knowledge/optimal learning
 - culture of love/culture of fear
 - climate for learning/practice of partnership
 - love/justice
4. Create a “Gem of wisdom” to share”.