



LWML Culture Monologue

Note: This is a monologue with small group discussion questions at the end.

(Phone rings. Person answers it and talks into a phone.)

Hi Sis, how are you? Hey, so I had a sort of weird experience today at church and I wanted to talk to you about it and get your opinion.

You know how we're going to that new church?

So, I'm still getting to know everyone and figure everything out. It was some kind of special Sunday today and this really sweet lady came up to me and invited me to something but I can't figure out what it means.

And get this — she was all dressed in purple. Actually, a whole bunch of the ladies were wearing purple. It's like I missed some memo. One of them even had purple streaks in her hair. And she was older than Mom. *(Pause)* I know!

Anyway, she was talking kind of fast and I didn't really get all of it. She wanted me to come to something that she called a zone rally. What do you think that is? I mean, you don't think it has something to do with football, do you? You know I *really* can't stand football. *(Pause)* Well, you know. End Zone. Pep Rally. Yeah, I'm not sure what a church would be doing having a women's football team, either.

She said it was for something called, let me see. L-M-N-O-P? No. Let me think. *(Pause)* L-Double-M-L. That's it. *(Pause)* I think. I definitely remember something was double. No clue what it stands for.

Anyway, it's coming up on Saturday. She said there would be a short business meeting and they would have food and a speaker. I like the food part, but what do I want to go to a business meeting for on a Saturday? I get plenty of that all week long!

Then this part really got me confused. She said that they are raising mites. I don't even know where to start with that one. Aren't mites like little, bitty bugs? Why would you need to raise those? I mean, bugs seem to get along just fine without help. And what does that even have to do with Jesus? I must have got that wrong somehow, right??

Yeah, I guess I'll go. I mean, there's lunch. And I do think the ladies are friendly. I want to get to know them better. I think there must be some stuff I misunderstood or something. You don't think that's a bad idea, do you?

Would you be able to come with me? I guess if it's all a bit too weird for us, we could sneak out ...

Okay, thanks, Sis. I really appreciate it. See you Saturday.

Discussion Questions:

1. While it might feel familiar to many of us, LWML has its own unique culture and can feel foreign to outsiders. What are some things this woman found confusing in her interaction? Are there other examples of jargon or titles which you can imagine might cause confusion?
2. Share your own experience with LWML when it was new to you. Provide examples of things you had to learn.
3. What are some ways this invitation to an LWML event could have been clearer?

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