



CORE
CLASS

Share Your Faith

Family Night

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How Can We Begin Spiritual Conversations?

Review: Once we know the Gospel and we know people, we can bring the Gospel to people.

Write out the 10 Words of the Gospel:

Write out the verses below (look them up as needed):

Romans 1:20 -

Romans 3:23 -

Romans 8:28 -

1 *How Can We Begin Spiritual Conversations?*

Trust the Lord's work.

- Yellow book or Green book?
- God isn't watching our spiritual conversations, getting nervous and wringing His hands.
- We are called to share / God does the work.
- God can use anything, but God usually uses someone.

We must get in the pond and put our pole in the water.

Two people whom God has recently put on your heart:

2 *Recognize the Tensions*

- Be separate / Be salt tension
- Be unified / Be ambassadors
- Live above reproach / Become all things...

A Lesson from the Celts and Romans...

Follow Jesus' Example: Jesus lived an incarnational life. He lived with us as one of us.

- He lived life and built relationships with people in their everyday lives.
 - » Woman at the well
 - » Matthew and his tax collector friends in his home.
 - » Zaccheus, Mary and Martha, Nicodemus...
- He openly shared how He felt and what He was thinking.
 - » Cries over Jerusalem
 - » Looks forward to time with the disciples
 - » Overwhelmed to the point of death
- Live life with people who do and do not know Jesus.
- Recognize who is in your life - circles of influence.
- Create and find ways to spend time with people.

Start Conversations - Ask Questions

- Presentational vs Relational Evangelism
- We must ask questions, listen, and genuinely care.

Write out 5 questions someone could ask you to really get to know you:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Asking questions leads to:

- mutuality and respect
- understanding
- commonalities
- opportunities for them to help you
- ***being asked questions!***

How does someone know if you are listening?

- body language
- eye contact
- repeat some of what they said
- follow-up questions
- bring up what they said the next time you see them

3 *Build Relationships*

Build Relationships – Invest Time

- Realize that all of this takes place over time. Build real relationships.
- Live with openness about your successes and struggles (no Ned Flanders mentality).
- Let them see your life and how you live.
- They must see how a life with Christ is lived out. How you respond to hardships, failures, and difficult relationships teaches them about Christ.



Build Bridges – Bring Up The Spiritual

- Building a bridge by finding commonalities (parenting, friendships, football, work, hobbies, bbq...).
- Cross the bridge by asking spiritual, priority, and value-based questions.

How would you describe your spiritual life? Where are you at in your spiritual journey?

How does your spiritual life influence your parenting, decision making, priorities, schedule, your career...?

Where do you hope to be spiritually in the next couple years?

What are some other examples? (Come up with 2 more)

You don't have to share everything. But you do need to share something.

- Perhaps "God Creates" will be the subject for years.
- Talk about Jesus as a person and as your friend. You are not introducing people to merely a set of beliefs, you are introducing them to your best friend.

Appendix

The Gospel in 10 Words

God Creates

Sin Breaks

Jesus Saves

Jesus Transforms

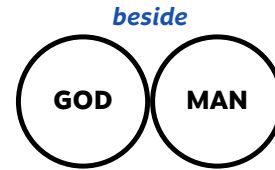
God Restores

Circles

(From pgs. 2-3 of *Grow: Building Life-Changing HABITS*, "the Grow book.")

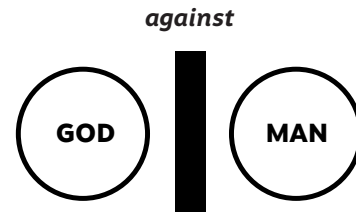
God Creates

God **beside** us! God created all things—including mankind—in His own image to have a relationship with Him. *Genesis 1, Colossians 1:15-17, Psalm 139*



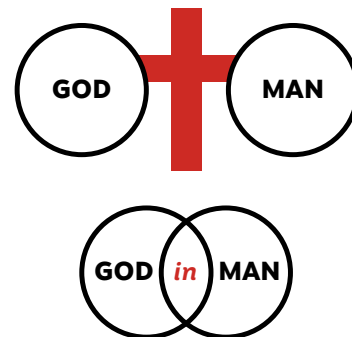
Sin Breaks

God **against** us! Sin broke our relationship, and we are enemies and hostile toward God, separated from Him. *Romans 3:10, 3:23, 5:8, Colossians 1:21*



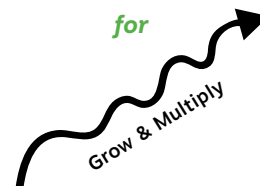
Jesus Saves

God **in** us! Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He forgives and saves all who place their faith in Him and gives them the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10*



Jesus Transforms

Jesus **for** us! Jesus is for us! Jesus transforms us to be more like Him through a process of growth and calls us to make more disciples of Him. *Matthew 4:19, Philippians 1:6*



God Restores

God **with** us! God with us! One day Jesus will return and will renew and remake all things—including you, the church, and all of creation! *Colossians 3:4, Revelation 21-22*



Verses

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness.'"

– **Genesis 1:26**

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

– **Romans 1:20**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

– **Romans 3:23**

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

– **Romans 5:8**

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."

– **Ephesians 2:8-9**

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

– **Romans 10:9-10**

- Familiarize and memorize the above verses. They are in NIV, but choose any translation.
- Say them out loud.
- Put them somewhere you will see them over and over.

When you have an active working knowledge of the Gospel, you will be more prepared for conversations.



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