

The 3 key markers of intentionality in a Good News Person are: **PRAYER**, **CARE** and **SHARE**

PRAYER

Praying by name for people who don't yet know Jesus!

CARE

Show up! Listen well!
Invest in authentic friendships!

SHARE

Tell your story! Share the Good News! Mention Jesus in everyday conversations!

Understanding God's nature and His design for reaching people

1 God exists in relationship

- God's very nature is relational - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

everyday people in everyday relationships, where trust and love can grow over time.

2 God designed people for relationship

- With others (family, friendship, community)
- With God (made possible through Jesus – *John 3:16; John 1:12*)
- We were created for connection. We are better together.

4 God is motivated by love, and so are we

- “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (*Matthew 22:39*)
- Our neighbors are anyone God places in our lives where we live, work, play and learn.

3 God uses relationships to reach people

- God's primary way of showing and sharing the good news is through

5 God Sent Us

- “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” (*John 20:21*)
- We are sent into the world, not taken out of it (*John 17:15–18*).

What steps can I take to intentionally connect in relationship?

1 Think about the people God already has in your circles

• **Listening well:** ask appropriate questions and be genuinely interested in going further into their life and story.

2 Build genuine friendships by...

• **Showing up:** spend time with people. Take small steps to proactively be in people's lives.

• **Care when you can:** make a meal, help with a project, give a ride, pray for them or with them.

... as we do these things, we have the opportunity to show and share the Good News of Jesus so that others might live.

A Personal Reflection

Most of us came to faith because **someone cared enough** to show up, listen and invest in us.

Who did God use in your story?

Who might God be inviting you to care for now?



Casual Conversations (INTERESTS)

Casual conversations about their interests. At this level of friendship, we are mostly learning information about our new friend as well as their interests. Who are they? What do they like?

- “Tell me about your family.”
- “Are you into any shows/sports/hobbies right now?”
- “What’s something fun you’ve got coming up?”



Personal Conversations (STORY + VALUES)

Personal conversations about their story and what they value in life.

At this level of conversation, we are pushing past the surface and sharing parts of our story that don’t naturally come up at work. Who are they? What do they like?

- “What brought you to this phase of (Work/Neighborhood/ Life Stage)?”
- “If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be? Why?”
- “Where do you feel most alive and/or at peace? Why?”



Philosophical Conversations (BELIEFS)

Spiritual conversations that get to the heart about what they believe to be true about the world. At this level of friendship, we have built deep trust and can talk about life’s deepest and most personal topics.

- “Do you ever think about whether there’s more to life than this?”
- “Has faith ever been a part of your story?”
- “Where do you turn when life feels overwhelming?”

Bring Jesus into every level of conversation...

1 Ask follow up questions

Based on what you learn, find a way to follow up with a question.

2 Mention Jesus

Find ways that you can bring in Jesus in a positive light. It could be as simple as mentioning you went to church this weekend. It might be as much as your story with Jesus.