



Personal Evangelism: Intentionally Introducing People to Jesus

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read: John 4:7, Matthew 18:12, Luke 10:26, Matthew 20:32, Matthew 16:15, Luke 24: 13-27

1. Talk about Jesus’ effective use of questions and listening in these passages to cultivate depth and gospel conversations.

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

2. A question nudges the conversation into the next layer. From interest to value. From value to worldview. And from there, we nudge the conversation from the secular to the sacred.

- Sam Chan, *How to Talk about Jesus (Without Being That Guy): Personal Evangelism in a Skeptical World*

- What are you looking for in life?
 - What do you think it all means?
 - What happens if you don’t find what you are looking for?
 - Do you pray?
 - Do you have a spiritual faith?
 - What is your family’s spiritual background?
 - What do you believe about God?
- o Which question from the list above do you like as you think about steering conversations toward the “next layer”?
 - o What questions would you add to this list?
 - o Give yourself a score from 1-10:
 - 10 = Great question asker, good at steering conversations to deeper spiritual things
 - 5 = Sometimes “yes” I’m good at asking questions, steering to deeper spiritual things... sometimes not...
 - 1 = This is a foreign/difficult/not practiced concept for me. I’ve got lots of room to grow
 - o Why did you give yourself this score? What could it look like you to take a next step?
3. Some weeks back we introduced the phrase “incarnational listening”. Incarnational listening means, sacrificially laying down our comfort, our schedules, our opinions, our advice, our perspectives, and our normal, so that we can engage sincerely with curious hearts and questions, an interested mind, and a pursuing “I really want to know your world” intentionality as we listen and engage with others...
Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable – David Augsburger
 - o Why is listening so important? What makes it difficult?
 4. How did Jesus create opportunities for conversations? How do we create opportunities for conversations?
 5. Who are you inviting to Easter?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)