

EXAMPLES OF HOW TO TURN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COVID-19 TO THE GOSPEL

The purpose behind this exercise is not to give answers to questions that should be followed in regimented fashion, but instead to provide an approach to answering questions that leads someone towards the subject of God.

Questions will always be different and below are just some examples, however, any questions/discussions can always lead to a greater depth of faith.

"THEY NEED TO GET A VACCINE SORTED, ONCE THEY HAVE DONE THAT THEN IT WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL, DON'T YOU THINK?"

If I'm honest, I don't think anyone really knows how to fix this, they could produce a vaccine and it might fix it this time, but that wouldn't eliminate the virus completely, (assuming the person is well). One thing I do know is that my whole life I have had worries, I've been sick at times, I've sometimes even wondered how life can carry on for me... But one thing that has remained the same is my faith in God and in what He has said to us all through the Bible, it hasn't changed and it has always gives me a hope. In a time where worrying is totally understandable, do you have a hope?

THERE MUST BE MORE TO IT THAN WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, I THINK IT'S A CHINA JOB AND THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO COVER SOMTHING UP!?

They might be, all through history government after government have covered things up and it will never change unfortunately because no matter how hard people try at being good they never really are. Would you call yourself a good person? I think you are and I have known you for a while now but how do you view yourself? If there was a God how would he view you?

"I FEEL FOR THE NHS, THEY AREN'T GETTING PROTECTED PROPERLY AND THEY'RE THE ONES DEALING WITH IT ALL, IT'S NOT FAIR ON THEM, DON'T YOU THINK?"

Yeah the NHS has been hit pretty hard and I feel for those guys who are working on a daily basis to serve us the best they can. This virus has wiped out so many people so quickly and I have wondered what if I was one of those people who one day just got what I thought was a cold but turned into something that took me to my death bed. It's hard to think how quickly and easily that could happen, have you ever thought about what you would think if you knew you were that close to death?

"HOW ARE YOU GUYS COPING HAVE YOU STILL GOT WORK AND INCOME?"

Well it's very different at the moment, what we would have bought last month on a regular basis has definitely changed and it has been hard to get those things that we have needed but I'm so thankful that I'm part of a massive church family who are looking out for not only the church but the rest of Huddersfield too! (Good opportunity to share your testimony...) we have Whatsapp groups, support groups and updates about what's going on with each other all the time. Is there anything you guys need? It might sound odd but we have seen so many answers to prayer, is there anything you want prayer for? (Open opportunity to speak the gospel)

"HOW ARE YOU COPING BEING INSIDE ALL THE TIME? BET THE KIDS ARE GOING MENTAL!"

Ha, they are going a bit crazy, it's difficult when you have three little ones and they all need their own space and time. I'm glad we have Whatsapp and tech where we can just video call one another so easily, that's means the kids have been able to see all their friends and we can chat to our friends too. They love Sunday morning because they love seeing everyone at church posting little clips of one another and saying hi, loads of songs and things to keep them entertained. There's lots of answers on there to questions that people have about God too. Do you have a faith/belief in God?

"DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M EXPECTED TO DO THOUGH? THE GOVERNMENT ARE HELPING THE BEST THEY CAN BUT I'LL HAVE TO LAY PEOPLE OFF SOON IF STUFF DOESN'T CHANGE."

It's difficult I'm sure, I think we are all going to have to make difficult decisions over the time ahead. And it can feel like we are putting our whole trust in the government, employers and so on to sustain us in life but for the past (however many) years I've stopped putting my trust in anyone other than God. That might sound crazy but God has always given us what we have needed, difficult situations have still come but I can see how God has kept us a safe through every single one but that's because I really know Him! Do you know God for yourself? Do you have a faith?

WE HOPE YOU FIND THIS HELPFUL.

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY BEFORE OR DURING YOUR CONVERSATIONS!!