

CONVERSATION TIPS & TRANSITION QUESTIONS

God conversations happen in a variety of ways and God opens the doors through diverse conversations and settings. Be alert to when the Holy Spirit is directing. Understand there is no single formula or structure that always works. Just be prayerful, humble and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you the right words as you need them. As you engage in casual conversation with others, here are a few helpful transition questions to move the dialogue toward the Gospel.

1. **Can I pray for you? (helps you learn about them and their immediate needs)**
**If they give you something, pray for them right then out loud.*
2. **Do you feel near or far from God? (this is the KEY pivotal question which then offers a lot of insight into their spiritual walk)**
3. **Would you mind if I share a story with you? (allows you to share your personal story of how you came to faith in Christ and communicate the Gospel in the process)**

If the conversation goes this far and they are receptive to continuing the conversation...

4. **Ask, "Is there anything keeping you from making the decision to follow Jesus today?"**
 - If they say NO, don't take it personal. Be gracious and loving, invite them to church, or transition the conversation to an entirely different topic and leave the door open for a future conversation. No need to feel awkward, you've planted seeds.
 - If they say YES, lead them in a simple prayer of salvation.

Example: (they can repeat after you or pray themselves)

"Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. Thank you for giving your life on my behalf. I believe you died on the cross, was buried, and rose three days later from the dead so that I may be saved. I confess that I am a sinner in need of a savior. Jesus, please forgive me of all my sin, restore my life and make me new. My life is Yours, help me walk with you, Amen."

Offer to get them a Bible, invite them to church, and/or help them get connected to a church in their area. Follow up with them regularly, discuss baptism, and continue to pray for them and help them in their new walk with Christ as much as you possibly can.