



Part 2 – Starting a Spiritual Conversation

We may have the best intentions to share our faith, but often we struggle with getting a spiritual conversation started. To make our witnessing efforts more of a natural progression in our conversations with people, we need to hone the skills of listening and asking questions.

Listen Patiently and Intently

Turning conversations from everyday life to matters of eternal life requires the skill of listening. Listening is an excellent way to demonstrate that you care about people and are interested in them. Taking the time to listen to people strengthens the connections that you have with them. Those “bridges” will help you cross over from small talk to talking about God.

List characteristics of active listening:

Evaluate: According to one psychologist, only 7% of a speaker’s message comes from his words; 38% comes from his voice, and 55% comes from his facial expressions.

📖 “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak...” (James 1:19).

📖 “He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame” (Proverb 18:13).

Ask Life-related Questions

Asking people questions about their lives will help you make meaningful application of God’s Word. Friends with whom you have a close relationship won’t feel threatened or uncomfortable about answering questions about life. That’s why the relationships that we have with people are important for witnessing.

What kinds of information about your friend will help you apply the promises and direction of God’s Word?

If your friend shares with you that he is going through a difficult health concern, what would you say to him based on the Word of God?