

# Starting Spiritual Conversations

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## Overview

1. Motivation
2. Methods
3. Objective

Motivation: why do I share the gospel?

1. Love for God
2. Love for others
3. Personal growth and joy

## Wrong Motivations

1. To win arguments
2. To show off
3. Self-righteousness
4. (Only) to discharge an obligation

Technique: how do I start a spiritual conversation?

1. Pray before you go (wherever you go)
2. Learn to listen
3. Start surface level and go deeper

## Learn to listen

1. Be interested in the person (love for others)
2. Actively listen and ask questions
3. Pay attention to body language
4. Don't interrupt

## Activity

Go and talk to someone you haven't talked to before

Spend 4 minutes asking your partner about themselves, actively listening, and asking questions

Switch

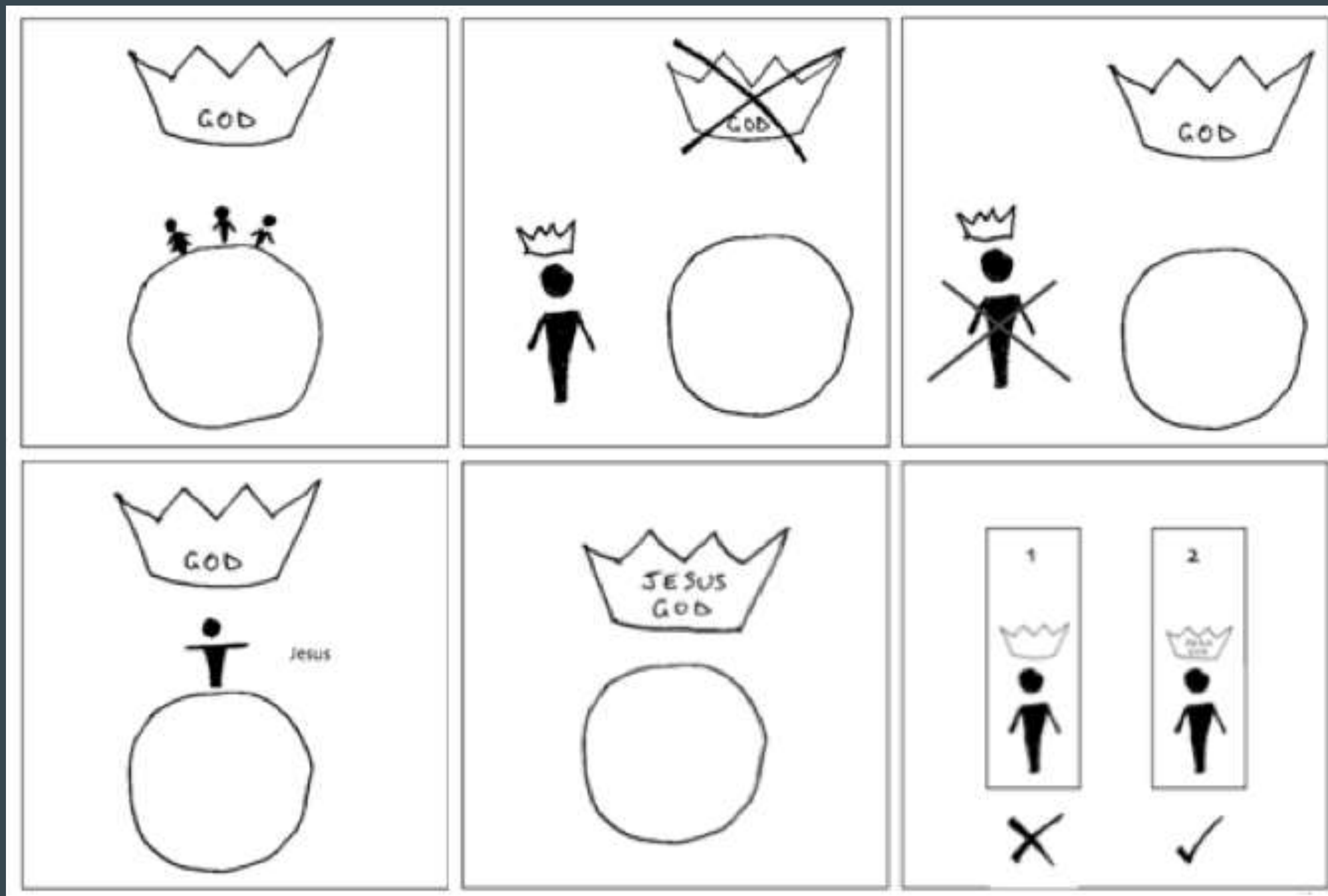
Start surface level and go deeper

1. Surface talk
  - a. Weather, news, sports, traffic, surroundings
2. Personal talk
  - a. Kids, work, leisure activities, church
3. Spiritual talk
  - a. God, Jesus, gospel, salvation

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/how-to-turn-a-conversation-to-spiritual-things-900808.html>



1. Do you attend church? What kind of church is it? What do you believe about Jesus?
2. Do you mind if I ask your view of the world? What do you think about (where everything came from originally, why the world is so messed up, what the purpose of life is, etc.)?
3. Is there anything I can pray for you about?
4. Do you have plans for Christmas? What do you think about Christmas? Why did Jesus come?



## Activity

Get with the same partner

Spend 4 minutes using one of the bridges to spiritual conversation and then sharing the gospel

Switch

## Some final points

1. The gospel is offensive, but we should avoid offending by our manner (just don't compromise the truth to avoid offending)
2. Push through difficulty and awkwardness (it will come)
3. Pray before you go (and even while you converse)

## Homework

Ask 3 people this week how you can pray for them and then report back next week.