

Flexible Earthen Vessels

Gospel Conversations – Part 3

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Evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade.

– Mack Stiles

We need to be prepared for gospel conversations.

Assignment: Make a list of unbelievers in your life.

We need to learn some gospel basics.

Assignment: Learn a basic gospel outline.

Truth	Story	Questions
God	Creation	Why is the world the way it is?
Man	Fall	What has God done about it?
Jesus	Redemption	What must we do?
Faith	Consummation	How then are we to live?

God: God is the Supreme Good.

Man: Man is an idol worshiper.

Jesus: Jesus is the double cure.

Faith: Faith is trust in the promises.

Creation: God created us to enjoy Him as our help and happiness.

Fall: We have rebelled against God and deserve His just punishment.

Redemption: God sent His Son, Jesus, to be an able and willing Savior for us and calls us to turn to Him and trust in Jesus.

Consummation: One day Jesus will return to judge all men and to bring in the kingdom of God.

Why?: The evil and suffering in this world reminds us of our disobedience to God and the good and beauty in this world reminds us of the God who created us and calls us back to Himself.

What?: Jesus lived the life we could never live and died the death we deserve to die, then rose from the dead as the only Lord and Savior.

What?: We must turn to God, confessing our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

How?: We are to live to please God for the glory and enjoyment of God.

We need to be flexible in sharing the truth.

We need to be flexible earthen vessels who contain the treasure of the gospel. (2 Corinthians 4:7)

How did the Lord Jesus engage the woman at the well? (John 4:5-26)

How did the Lord Jesus respond to the rich young ruler? (Matthew 19:16-22)

How did Peter preach the gospel on the day of Pentecost? (Acts 2:14-41)

How did Paul address the Athenians? (Acts 17:22-31)

Assignment: Learn some conversation starters.

- What do you think happens after we die?
- “Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today, you would go to heaven?”
- “Suppose you were to die today and stand before God and he were to say to you, ‘Why should I let you into My heaven?’, what would you say?’”
- What is the one thing that matters most to you in this world? Why?
- Do you go to church?
- What are some joys you are experiencing in this season of your life?
- What challenges and struggles are you facing?
- What is your personal history when it comes to faith and God?
- What do you believe about God?
- What do you think about Christianity?
- Do you think much about spiritual things?
- How has this experience affected the way you look at God?
- What is your concept of God? Do you view Him positively or negatively?
- We’ve been friends for quite some time now, and I’ve never really talked to you about the most important thing in my life. May I take a few moments and do so?
- How do you think someone becomes a Christian?
- When you have problems or crises, how do you manage to get through them?
- Is religion or God important to you?
- Have you ever been mad or upset with God?
- Have you ever done something for which you feel God could not forgive you?
- Do you understand the way to forgiveness and what it means?
- What would it take for you to live up to what God expects of you?
- How do you feel about suffering?
- Why do people do what they do? What are the assumptions you make about people?
- In your opinion, who was/is Jesus Christ?
- What is your spiritual background?