

Spiritual Conversation Starters

Key Reminder: We're seeking to win souls, not arguments. Always engage people with **gentleness** and **respect**. One way we can show a genuine interest in others is to **ask questions** and **listen** more than we talk.

A. 'About You' Questions: *Show a genuine interest in others by asking about their background...*

- Education / Work
- Family
- Hobbies / Interests / Favorite Sports Teams
- Where They Grew Up

B. 'Life' Questions: *The goal here is to transition the conversation to a slightly 'deeper' level.*

1. Why do you think people in general are so unhappy with their life?
2. A lot of people seem worried about the future. What worries you the most?
3. Did you see that news story about _____? What were your thoughts?
4. Why do you think the problems in the world seem to be getting worse instead of better?

C. 'Heart' Questions: *Seek an opportunity to share Jesus, or a resource that could lead to future discussions.*

1. Do you ever wonder about the meaning and purpose of life?
2. Do you ever wonder what happens when we die?
3. If you don't mind me asking, what are your spiritual beliefs?
4. Are you involved in a church? Have you ever attended church?
5. Do you ever think about God?
6. A lot of opinions surround the Bible and Jesus. What are your thoughts on both?
7. In the Bible, Jesus claimed to be God, and the only way to heaven. What are your thoughts?
8. If I could show you compelling evidence that Jesus is God, and the only way to heaven, would that interest you?

ALWAYS ASK: Would you be interested in learning how you can have a personal relationship with God that not only changes your life now, but also guarantees that you'll spend eternity in heaven?

Note: If a person claims to be a Christian, ask any of the following questions (just to make sure):

- A:** In your opinion, what is a Christian?
- B:** When (and how) did you become a Christian?
- C:** In your opinion, how does someone become a Christian?

Listen closely to their answers. If anything is mentioned other than **faith alone** in **Christ alone**, there could be issues that need addressed. Helpful Bible passages include: *Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:3-7, John 14:6.*

You don't need to ask ALL of the questions above. Simply pick one or two from each section that you feel comfortable using. The goal is to move discussions from everyday topics over to spiritual matters, **specifically Jesus**. Transitioning from the questions in section "A" to those in "C" may take time (days, weeks or months). Let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Tact and common sense are vital to evangelism. Don't pressure anyone. Relax. Be yourself. But, be intentional. Also try to avoid rabbit trail topics (diversions). You can always use the 'follow-up' questions below to redirect a conversation.

D. 'Follow-Up' Questions: *Gain more information. Clarify previous statements. Diffuse tension. Gain trust.*

1. What do you mean by that?
2. Can you give me an example?
3. How do you know that to be true?
4. How did you come to that conclusion?
5. Where did you get your information?
6. Have you ever considered they could be wrong?
7. If I could show you a better explanation, would it interest you?
8. How? Why? Tell me more. Please explain.

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