

## Jesus Conversations Today

**Purpose of our time:** A rising tide lifts all boats and we want to lift up evangelism! Let's kick up the dust of evangelism in our field of ministry where we live, work and play.

**What I do:** I equip and train the local church in the discipline of evangelism.

**How:** Cultivating conversations that grow a relational root system between me, you and Jesus.

- What is Evangelism Ephesians 2:1-7
- Acts 17:16-34 Paul in Athens at the Areopagus and 3 responses to the gospel are:  
(red light-yellow light-green light)
- (Chart)-Where are we today in our culture?
- **3 Circles** Conversational Evangelism: A way to share the Gospel using the 3 Circles

Let's do this now: (download the app at Life on Mission in the app store)

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Door to Door Perspective-** Where do you live, work and play? (Look at Chart)
- 19 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." (Mt 11:19 CSB)
- If Jesus is a friend of sinners, who are my friends?

**3<sup>rd</sup> Space: What is a 3<sup>rd</sup> space?** Simple ideas to work your mission field

Transition to the Good News

Common problems are a good entry point to transition to a spiritual conversation. For example:

- I haven't been through the exact situation you just mentioned, but I have had similar problems (or issues /concerns). Can I share something with you that has really helped me? <sup>1</sup>
- My wife and I have learned some keys to raising kids that have really helped us out. If you're interested I can share them.
- Did you grow up with any spiritual background? What interest do you have in spiritual matters today?
- Would you say you know Jesus in a personal way or are you still in the process?
- Ask: In light of covid-19, what do you think happens when you die?  
(I used this in a conversation after a person brought up the virus and deaths spiking)
- I have come to believe that God's word speaks to this issue in a great way.

**Next Steps**

- Learn the 3 Circles and work on this conversational approach for life. 😊
- Pray for your mission field and for opportunities to cultivate conversations that grow a relational root system between you, your ministry field and Jesus.
- Practice transitions and start keeping a list of transitions questions to help each other.
- If Jesus is a friend of sinners, who are my friends? Pray and invest time in a 3<sup>rd</sup> space!
- Assignment: Work up your 100 word story. You can do it!

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<sup>1</sup> Jimmy Scroggins and Steve Wright, *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*. B&H Publishing Group: Nashville, 2016.