

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)

- **21st 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?

3rd Space: What is a 3rd 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? ¹
- 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 3rd space!
- Assignment: Work up your 100 word story. You can do it!

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