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SESSION 3
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Leading Evangelism Learning Hub. This is the third of our eight sessions together. We hope today will be fun, informative, and helpful. If there is anything we can do to help the day go better for you please ask.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR GOOD ZOOM ENGAGEMENT

- **Please participate don't just observe** Ask questions (use virtual hand or just dive in with a question), contribute your best insights.
- **Set aside distractions** Close down other programmes, resist the temptations of your phone/tablet, put other reading material out of reach
- **Keep your video on throughout** It will help you be fully present.
- **Try and keep your mic unmuted:** but please be aware of talking in the background or other noise. Normally there is a bit of low level background noise on an onsite event.
- **Combat Zoom fatigue** Two things will help combat weariness. Hide your self view (right click on your own image and select hide self view) and take regular stretch breaks (every 20 minutes or so stand up, stretch, take a few deep breaths).
- **Be patient** At some point something will go wrong. Please be patient with us as we try to sort it out.

GUIDELINES

- Learning together.
- Minimise guilt, maximise grace.
- Participate.
- Confidentiality.
- Reality check.
- Next step.

Practice 1: Pray for Five

Each time we meet we will take a few minutes to talk about how it is going praying for our five people who as yet aren't disciples of Jesus, and then briefly to pray for them. We hope this is something you will do as a group each time you meet as well. You may like to use the structure below.

- Share who your five are briefly (or whatever number you are praying for at this point), at whatever level you are comfortable with.
- Talk a little about how praying for your five is going? Are you finding it easy or hard? Do you manage to pray regularly or occasionally? What helps you to pray for them? How are you finding the prayer suggestions we offered on session 1?
- Have you had any opportunities to show or share the faith with any of your five since session 1? With anyone else?
- Briefly pray for your five together.

TIMINGS FOR SESSION 3

09.45	Welcome and Session 1
11.00	Coffee
11.20	Session 2
12.40	Lunch
13.35	Session 3
14.35	Tea
15.00	Session 4
16.00	End

Timings are for guidance only, apart from the end time. We will finish by 16.00hrs.

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PART 1

DWELLING IN THE WORD



DWELLING IN THE WORD

LUKE 15:1-10

Dwelling in the Word is a process that many people are using to listen to Scripture, to each other and to God. It's not about sharing information or seeking scholarly answers or even the right answers to the issues raised in the text, but it is about listening well to one another and discerning what God is up to amongst us.

We invite the Holy Spirit in prayer to open our ears, hearts and minds. We listen to the passage read out loud and notice where our attention is drawn – a verse, phrase or single word. We then remain in silence for a minute or two, staying with the place in the passage that stood out for us.

LUKE 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

⁸'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

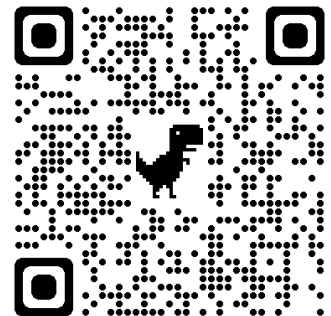
- 1** We each turn to a person in our group. If there is someone you don't know so well engage with them.
- 2** We listen to that person as he or she says what they heard in the passage in a particular verse, phrase or even single word. They may mention something they'd never heard before, something odd or something comforting, or something about which they'd like to find out more about.
- 3** Listen well, because your job will be to report to the rest of your group what your partner has said, not what you yourself said. Some people even take notes to help them focus and remember. If you don't yet know each other well, introduce your partner by name to the group and then share what you heard them say. Each one takes their turn when they are ready to speak.
- 4** If there is time a conversation develops around what God is saying to us today from the themes arising in the whole group. It can be helpful for the group co-ordinator to keep a brief note of themes and insights that arise.

Space for Your Reflections on Luke 15:1-10



Core Themes

Use the link in the Chat or the QR code to post your core themes from your group onto the Jamboard. Please post with your Church name first and then your comment.



A PRAYER

Thank you, Father God, that we are your Church,
The body of Christ in the world.

We're grateful for our Sunday life and the worship that
equips us for the days we are apart.

Help us to see afresh the possibilities of our everyday lives
as ambassadors for you.

May we know your presence with us in the pressures and the
potential of the week.

Help us to leave traces of grace wherever we are and
whatever we do.

Amen.

(From LICC [Frontline Sundays](#) – adapted)

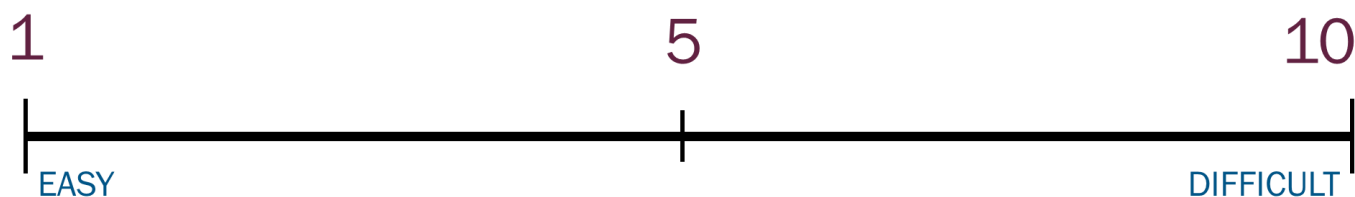


PART 2

HOW TO SHARE

FAITH

How do you Find Faith Sharing?



Sharing Faith is Part of our Identity

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

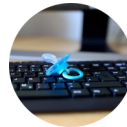
WHERE ARE WE AMBASSADORS?

Four primary contexts:

- **Occupation** Where many of us spend the majority of our time and have most connection with those who aren't yet Christians.
- **Oikos** (household/extended family) Some share their home with others, most are a part of an extended family. Children are included in this *oikos*.
- **Neighbourhood** Most homes located in a neighbourhood, where we have the opportunity to be an 'ambassador' on our streets through an online Neighbourhood WhatsApp group, in the shops we shop in, amongst the services we use (e.g. garage, hairdresser), on the streets (e.g. dog walkers).
- **Networks** Includes our network of friends, our sports team mates, our acquaintances. It is both physical (e.g. gym, club belong to, hobby pursue) and digital (e.g. social media, Facebook group, Next Door).



EXERCISE



WHERE ARE YOU AN AMBASSADOR?

List the places, both physical and digital, where you regularly interact with people (i.e. at least once a week).

List the places, both physical and digital, where you occasionally interact with people (i.e. less than once a week).

Share some of the places where you are an ambassador.

- Where do you find it easy to be an ambassador? Where do you find it hard?
- Why do you think that is?
- How could you help each other to be a better ambassador in these places?

The 6Ms – Uncovering Fruitfulness Wherever You Are

Taken from [LICC website](#) where you will also find some great videos illustrating the 6ms and other helpful resources, including the 6MOT.

One of the great joys of being a Christian is realising that God chooses to work through us, wherever we are. One of the tricky things, however, is learning how to spot it. So many of us just don't have the words, the tools, or the means by which to see how we are already being fruitful for Christ in our daily lives.

So, here at LICC, we developed a framework to help us see how God is already working through us, and those we know, and to inspire our imaginations for how he might in the future.

It has six facets, and they all begin with M. As you read through, ask yourself a simple question. Counter-cultural though it may be if you are British, just consider: 'which one of these am I good at?' There might even be more than one. That's the fun of the 6Ms – they're an encouragement; a lens through which to see how God is already working through you in your daily life, and through others in theirs. Our fruitfulness, after all, is rooted in Christ, and it's already there. These Ms are just an expression of that.

1. MODELS GODLY CHARACTER

Maybe it's displaying self-control by keeping a cool head when a colleague or someone you are serving is provoking you. Maybe it's promoting peace by mediating an argument between two businesses. Maybe it's bringing joy by encouraging those around you.

Whatever we do, wherever we are, we are either reflecting God's character or we're not. So, with this M, we are reminding ourselves from the start that it is in our everyday that God forms our character to be like Jesus so that we can better reflect his character to those around us. And as that happens, we become bearers of the fruit of the Holy Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This M is about these in action.

2. MAKES GOOD WORK

Sometimes, our everyday tasks can seem a bit meaningless, or just means to an end. But 'making good work' means realising that everything we do is to and for the glory of God. After all, that's what we're instructed to do in Colossians 3:23-25.

Independent of anyone else, we can do everything – the fun, the interesting, the big, the small, the mundane, and the just plain boring – for the glory of God. To impact on people and the world he created and redeems, with joy, for it is the Lord Christ we are serving.

3. MINISTERS GRACE AND LOVE

This looks like the friend who came with me to the hospital at 1am when she had an (at that time unwritten)

essay due in 10 hours. It's found in the boss who doesn't just fire someone, but gently offers support and comfort in the redundancy meeting, and maybe even follows up afterwards. It could be as simple as a timely cup of coffee, or taking ten minutes out to talk stuff over with someone who is struggling.

4. MOULDS CULTURE

Culture can be thought of as 'the way we do things round here'. Moulding it means making small changes to dynamically express Christian values.

It's the person who counters the blame culture of the corporate world by admitting when they've made a mistake, and offering forgiveness to those who slip up as well. It's quenching gossip with a positive word for the person who is always the butt of the jokes, or championing trust and honesty in our departments, nurturing a safe space for the rest of the team to work well in.

5. MOUTHPIECE FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE

Whether we realise it or not, this is something that we get to do every single day. It can be as simple as refusing to engage in gossip at the school gate, or speaking up for the colleague who has been overlooked.

Or it could be bigger – ruling our patch, the area of responsibility that God has given us, and ruling it well. Making sure other people get the credit they deserve when we could have taken it for ourselves. Big or small, being a mouthpiece for truth and justice looks like standing up – often at personal cost – to promote good, fair, and just practices.

6. MESSENGER OF THE GOSPEL

This isn't about delivering a pre-packaged gospel warhead and retreating to a safe distance. Instead, it could be drawing on biblical wisdom during a conflict or a business deal. Or it might be simply testifying to God's action in your life where it is appropriate to do so. It means having an intentionality, a desire to share something of Jesus with those around you and, when you can, to communicate the message of the gospel.

THESE 6MS ALL WORK TOGETHER

They are all a part of our witness to those around us of God's action in our lives. Hearing about a God of love becomes a lot more believable when you've seen the person who's sharing him with you act in a loving way. A God of justice makes sense when you've seen his follower stand up in the face of unfair practices.

So, whether you're at uni, working 24/7 in a grad scheme, on a zero hours contract, or a stay-at-home parent, may you be encouraged, equipped, inspired, and released to live for God's glory, wherever you are.

The Reluctant Witness

Don Everts book, The Reluctant Witness, explores research done amongst Christians in 2019 on faith sharing. It is full of helpful insights. Here are a few.

FIVE MYTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Myth 1 Spiritual conversations take place in special places, during special moments, by special people.

In other words it is not for me! The research revealed the majority of spiritual conversations were with people they already knew, in everyday life situations. So, don't think it is just the Pastor's role.

Myth 2 Spiritual conversations are serious and sober events

The research reveals that laughter, peace, joy and exhilaration are common occurrences in spiritual conversations. People actually enjoy having these sort of conversations if they are approached in a gentle and respectful way.

Myth 3 In spiritual conversations I need to be able to give the right answer.

The research reveals people are looking for honest and humble journey partners rather than all the right answers.

Myth 4 Most spiritual conversations involve conflict, which ruins everything.

The research reveals that the vast majority of spiritual conversations are not filled with conflict. And even when it does occur, it is often seen as a productive part of the conversation.

Myth 5 Spiritual conversations are burdensome duties that are, in the end, painful and regrettable.

The research reveals that the path to faith in Christ is littered with spiritual conversations. They are key in people's faith journeys and are seen as positive and fruitful experiences.

'Having a habit of gracious adaption makes it easier to talk about our faith'
Don Everts

FOUR CONVERSATIONAL HABITS

Based on the research they identified four habits that serve us well in spiritual conversations:

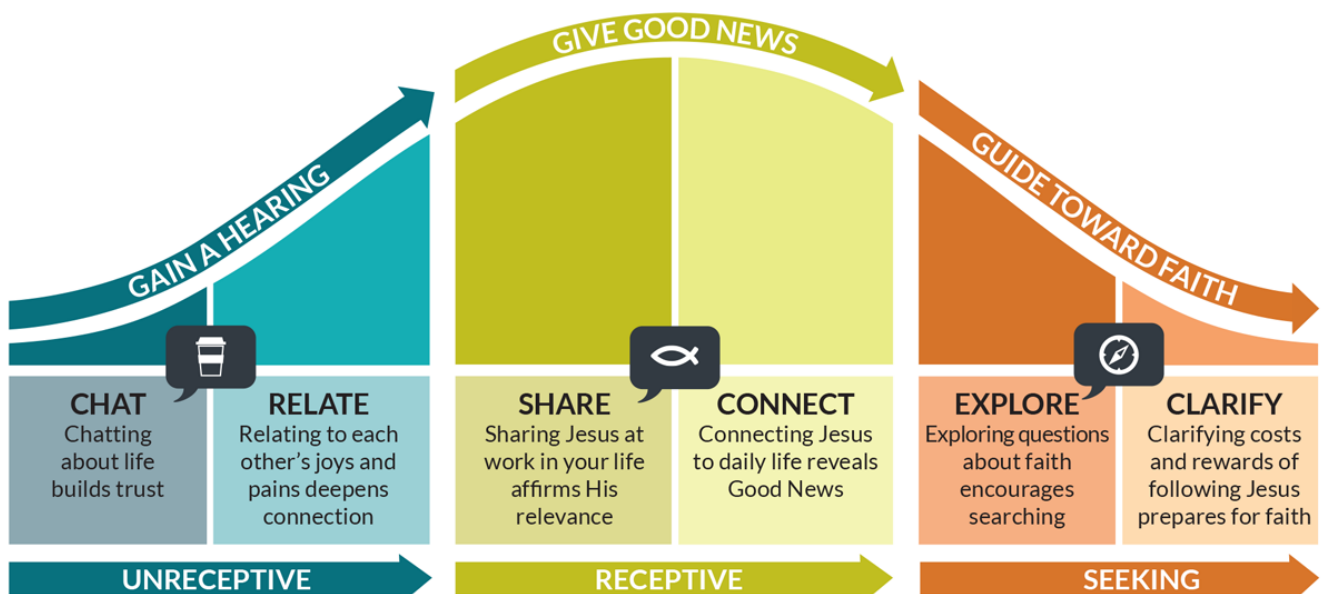
1. To expect spiritual conversations (people are open to talking about spiritual things if approached in the right way).
2. To pursue and initiate spiritual conversations (in the language of today, be willing to make cross-the-line statements and ask cross-the-line questions).
3. To be responsive to the person we're talking with (treating them with gentleness and respect).
4. To push through the awkward moments (sensitivity and kindly).

There is much more in the book about the difference between those who are eager to have spiritual conversations and those who aren't, as well as many stories and ideas on faith sharing.

Taken from The Reluctant Witness, Don Everts (IVP)

THE SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS CURVE

The books includes this diagram, which is called the spiritual conversations curve. At the bottom it describes the position of the person we are talking with (unreceptive to Christian things, receptive, seeking). Above that it suggest the sort of conversation that might be helpful.



'SALT' CONVERSATIONS

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2-6

Start a Conversation



EXERCISE

What might hold us back from appropriately introducing something into a conversation which takes it to a potential faith conversation?

'Interestingly, psychologists suggest small talk and shallow conversations lead to less happiness than deep conversations. There is something inherently human about connecting with others on a deeper level.'

Don Everts

Ask Questions

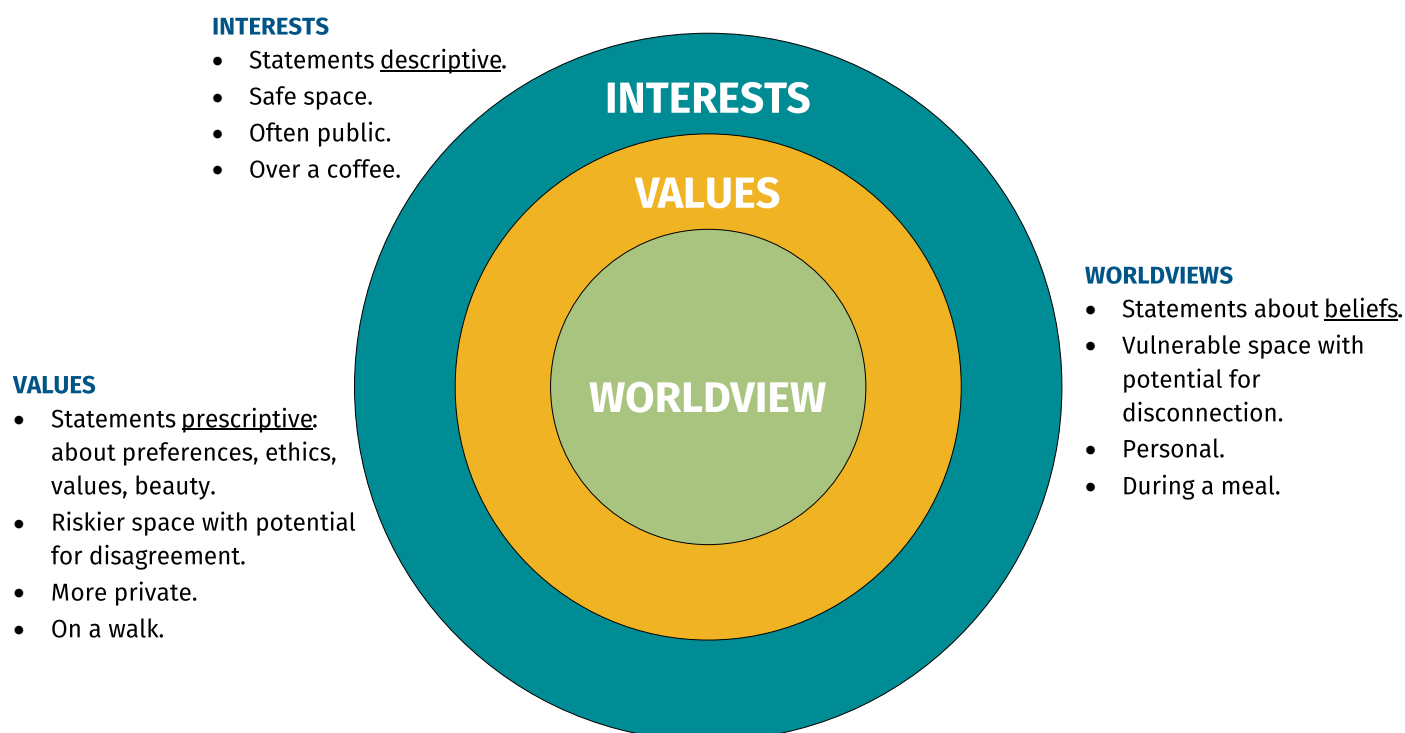


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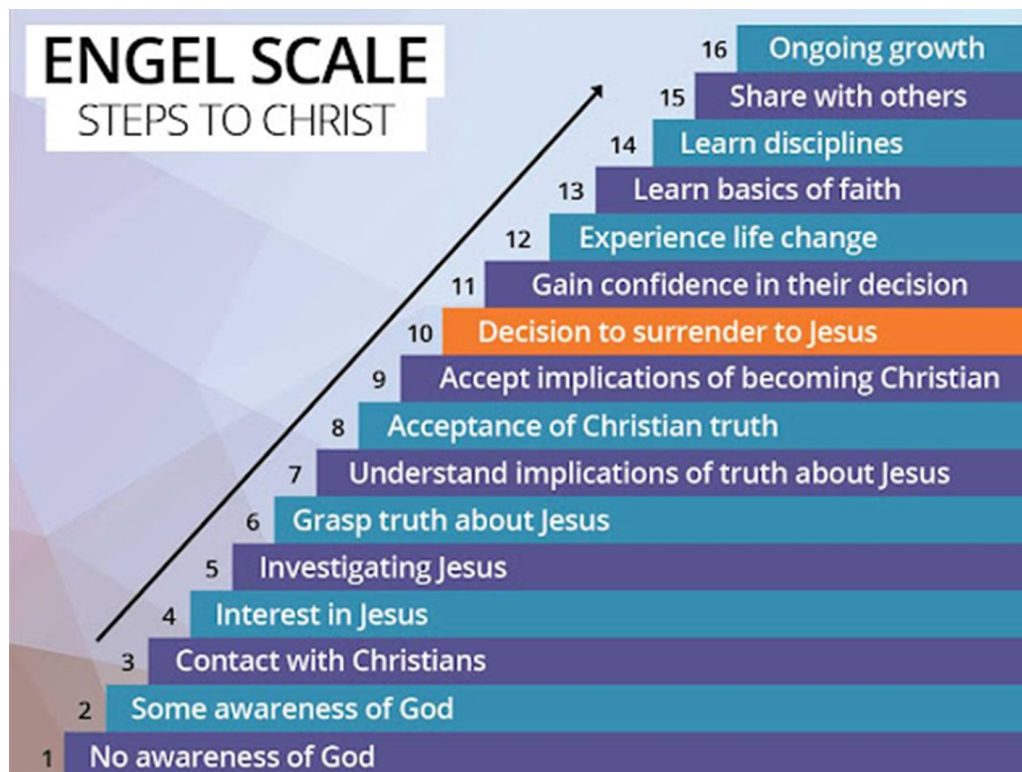
What might be some cross-the-line questions that would take a conversation at the level of chit-chat to something deeper?



In *How to Talk about Jesus*, Sam Chan explores what he describes as the progression of conversation from 'interest' through 'values' to 'worldview'. Here is a summary of what he says:



Listen for Where At



BECOMING DISCIPLES

- God is at work wherever people are on the map.
- There is an appropriate next step for everyone.
- It is normally an accompanied journey.
- The journey takes time.
- The journey is rarely linear.



EXERCISE

Plot your **Pray for Five** people on the map with a circle (perhaps with an initial in the centre to remind which is which), and an arrow indicating which way you think they might be heading. If you've known them a long time you may be even be able to plot something of their journey so far with regard to faith.

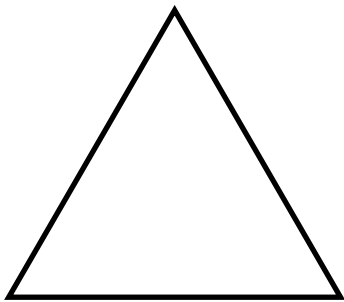
What could you do or say to accompany them on their journey towards the Christian way?

THE FIVE THRESHOLDS

Adapted from Pathways to Jesus, Shaupp and Everts. For further resources go to [Five Thresholds](#).

Threshold 1	Threshold 2	Threshold 3	Threshold 4	Threshold 5
TRUSTING A CHRISTIAN	BECOMING CURIOUS ABOUT JESUS	OPENING UP TO CHANGE	SEEKING AFTER GOD	ENTERING THE KINGDOM
The move from distrust to trust	The move from apathetic to curious	The move from being closed to change in their lives to open to change	The move from meandering to seeking (seekers have an urgency to their seeking)	The move from darkness to light
‘The best conversations with non-Christians rarely occur inside our churches or at an event designed for seekers.’ p.42	‘One of the greatest acts of love we can give is to ask good questions and help our friends learn to ask more questions for themselves. We live in an age of far too much information, too few good questions.’ p.54	‘One reason why this part of the journey is so difficult is that it dawned on our friends that they need to see the world in a new light. Questioning your own world view and contemplating the Christian perspective for yourself is revolutionary. It can mean coming to terms with deep-seated dissatisfactions and unanswered questions and disappointments.’ p.71	‘True seekers have an urgency and purpose to their seeking... Phantom seekers lack urgency. True seekers seek Jesus not just God, count the cost, spend time with Christians.’ p.89	‘The ripeness of the fruit deserves our attention and urgency. Every farmer knows this; leave the fruit on the vine too long and it will spoil.’ p.114
• Avoid knee jerk reactions to distrust (defend, bruise, avoid, judge, argue). • Embrace kingdom habits to build trust (pray, learn, bond, affirm, welcome).	• Ask questions. • Use parables found in contemporary life e.g. art, cinema, best sellers, box sets, news. • Live curiously: counter cultural actions, practice Christian community; go to church; pray.	• Be patient. • Challenge like Jesus challenged (enter the pain of the broken and honest; mobilise the self-pitying and fearful; agitate the complacent and glib with truth; connect the dots for the confused and befuddled).	• Often people need to be challenged to become a true seeker, otherwise stagnate on their pathway. • Live out the kingdom in front of them (show them how to build their lives on Jesus’ words; open up your prayer life to them; provide satisfying answers to their questions; model seeking ourselves). • Create safe places for seeking (guiding seekers verses seeker sensitive).	• Be appropriately urgent. Invite them to respond to Jesus. • Be clear, but don’t oversimplify. • Be aware that spiritual warfare is at its height here.

Three Story Faith Sharing



Listen for the Four ‘Bs’ in Their Story

- Background.
- Basic needs.
- Beliefs.
- Blockages.



EXERCISE

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BACKGROUND			
BASIC NEEDS			
BELIEFS			
BLOCKAGES			

Practice 2 – Practise Faith Conversations

‘Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace and seasoned with salt.’ (Colossians 2:5-6)

SUMMARY

Many people struggle to own up to their faith in their workplace, school, neighbourhood, social group and home. Practising faith conversations with other Christians builds both confidence and capability in knowing what to say.

‘If we aren’t talking about our faith when we gather, we are far less likely to talk about our faith when we are scattered.’

EXPLANATION

Sharing our faith is a soft skill, like problem solving or public speaking. Soft skills can be learned. They are best developed under certain conditions:

- In a safe place where the pressure isn’t on, it is ok to make mistakes, and there is a healthy amount of fun.
- Through practice, reflection, and refinement. This is aided by swift and specific feedback.
- Where the learning process involves us stretching ourselves beyond what we currently feel comfortable to do.

There are a variety of potential ‘safe places’ in gathered church life where we can practise faith conversations, for example a home group, a youth group, in our home contexts, a Lent course, a PCC, a Group Council, one-to-one interactions, mentoring, or an evangelism training course. It may work in a service too, unless there is usually a reasonable number of visitors or enquirers, in which case it may need to be carefully adapted – or not done at all.

This practice can be introduced in stages. Start at the stage that is most appropriate for your context, and then build up to the following stages. Do include children and young people, either within the family home or in age specific groups that meet as part of church life.

STAGE 1

Invite people to chat about an aspect of their faith in pairs. If people are unfamiliar or uncomfortable talking about faith matters, start here.

- How did you come to be a part of the congregation?
- How did you become a Christian?
- Who has been most influential in helping you on your faith journey?
- What is your favourite Bible passage, hymn or prayer, and why?
- When has God been especially close?

- In what ways does your faith impact your life?
- What do you struggle with in your faith?

Swap the pairs around week by week. Over time, gently invite people to share some of their conversation with the larger group so they get used to speaking in that context. The idea here is to help people to become more comfortable talking out loud about their faith.

STAGE 2

Take some common scenarios and explore how to say something suitable when opportunities arise. For example:

- A friend shares they are going through a hard time: how to offer to pray with or for them.
- A colleague asks what you got up to over the weekend: how to own up that you go to church.
- A classmate notices you have made a behaviour change: how to speak of the difference Christianity has made in your life.
- A neighbour comments that they wish they had your faith: how to invite someone to read a booklet, or come to an event.

See resources for further scenario suggestions.

STAGE 3

Link it with Pray for Five. As we pray for people and for opportunities to share our faith, it is fairly easy to ask whether anyone has had an opportunity this week to share their faith with any of their five, or with anyone else?

If they have, then invite them to share what happened, whether it went well or not. Then explore what can be learned from this encounter for a similar opportunity in the future. Play with how the conversation might go, and possible things that might be said.

STAGE 4

Take one of the common questions that non-Christians ask (there are only around 15; identify one to explore as a group) and work out together how you might respond to it if it came up in a conversation. If you get stuck, ask someone who could help to visit your group.

‘However inadequate you feel, if you ask the Holy Spirit to speak through you, he will.’

Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of the Alpha Course

TIPS

- Explain that evangelism is a soft skill and that soft skills are developed with time and practice. It often leads to an ‘A-ha’ moment as people realise why it is best to practise faith conversations before having faith conversations.



- The key to this practice is to practise. In group contexts, ideally make this a normal part of how the group meets.
- Of course, this feels very odd to begin with, awkward even (but probably less awkward than trying to say something to a contact outside of church). Acknowledge the awkwardness, be sensitive to how people respond, but gently persist and people will become more relaxed and natural talking about their faith.
- Try to build some fun into it. Suggest some terrible ways to respond, really cringe worthy, and have fun going over the top.
- If someone is sharing their attempt at talking about their faith, be as encouraging as you possibly can.
- Remind people that God has assured us of his help, that it doesn't all depend on us.
- Encourage people to listen to others and ask questions – it is what Jesus did. Practise questions that would help open up a conversation about matters of faith. Pray for opportunities to arise to use one of the questions in the coming week. Discuss what makes a good listener and how you know you are being listened to.
- Work out how to intrigue people, to make the conversation 'salty' – that is, sprinkled with little comments that might prompt a reaction or question. For example, when someone says, 'It is a terrible world', ask, 'Why do you think that is?'
- Party of young people, a friend says 'Go on, get drunk, it will be fun.'
- Class mate: 'why do you go to church?'

RESOURCES

There are some great courses around to help equip people to speak about their faith, however be a little careful about depending on a course to do this. They tend to attract the interested and also require more time, so may best be seen as complementary. The approach above can involve more people and build into what already exists.

Other Possible Scenarios

- School gate: person you know a little bit, see most mornings as drop off the kids, asks 'what are your plans for the weekend?'
- Neighbour: 'my mother has been diagnosed with cancer'.
- Squash club or equivalent: in changing rooms opponent says, 'Isn't the tragedy in N terrible....'
- Social event, person you've just met: 'what do you do?'
- Homeless person on street: 'Got any spare change.'
- A friend who is a parent and who brings their child to a parade service once a month: 'It's good for her to learn about right and wrong....'
- School governor's meeting, over coffee someone says to you: 'Why is the church so homophobic?'
- Travelling on a train reading a Christian book or Bible someone sits across from you and makes conversation: 'We buried my niece last week, she was only 14.'



EXERCISE

1. Personal Reflection (5mins)

- What is your biggest struggle in personal evangelism?
- What insights/thoughts have you had through today?
- What do you sense God may be prompting you to do? Write any ideas in the box below. You may also like to write a prayer around your reflections.

2. Group Reflection (40 mins)

REVIEW YOUR ACTION PLAN

Remember the three common errors when making an action plan:

1. Trying to do too much too quickly.
2. Not being clear enough about what you are planning to do (what you are going to do, who is going to do them, when they are to be done by).
3. Running ahead of the process (later sessions will cover how to shape an evangelistic culture, creating a plan for evangelism, equipping congregation members to share their faith).

Where are you up to? What progress have you made? How clear are your plans?

REFLECT ON TODAY

1. Briefly share one or two of your key personal reflections with one another.
2. How will you encourage one another in your personal faith sharing over this term? How will you implement Practice 2: Practise Faith Conversations, in your group as you meet together, along with maintaining Practice 1: Pray for Five?

Here are the three activities we've mentioned today that you could use in your implementation of Practice 2:

- a. Take a specific scenario where someone in the group finds it hard to be an 'ambassador'. Explore together why this might be and what would help them to be an ambassador in that situation. Then pray for them, and anyone else in the group who resonates with the scenario as they seek to be an effective ambassador in that situation.
- b. Take one of your pray for five people plotted on the map. Share a little about why you think they are located in that place on the map. Explore together how you could best accompany them to take steps towards the Christian way. Pray for them.
- c. Take a 'cross-the-line' question that it would be good to ask a non Christian. Explore together when it might be appropriate to use that question, and the likely different responses and how you might respond to them. Pray for an opportunity for each person to use the question between now and your next meeting.

See page 22 for an expanded version of each of these and an additional activity. After each of these, be sure to check in when you next meet on how things have gone.

REFINE YOUR ACTION PLAN

1. What are your next steps to add to your action plan from today for you as a group and for the roll out into your church(es)?

2. What would you like others to pray for you? Please post to the Padlet board.



BY THE END OF YOUR TIME MAKE SURE...

- You have identified your next step(s).
- You have identified your next meeting date (ideally meet every 4-6 weeks).

Suggestions for Your Group Meetings

We've mentioned a variety of ways you could help each other with faith conversations in your group when you meet together. Here is a summary of each of them.

BEING AN AMBASSADOR

Take a specific scenario where someone in the group finds it hard to be an 'ambassador' (at home, occupation, neighbourhood, network). Explore together why this might be and what would help them to be an ambassador in that situation. Then pray for them, and anyone else in the group who resonates with the scenario as they seek to be an effective ambassador in that situation.

STRUGGLES

What hold us back from appropriately introducing something into a conversation that takes it to a potential faith conversation?

- Lack of motivation.
- Unsure what to say.
- Busyness.
- Fear of offense.
- Don't know how to get started.
- Other.

Discuss each of these things and explore why it holds you back and what to do about them.

GREAT QUESTIONS

Revisit the Padlet board with the suggested 'cross the line' questions to take a conversation to a deeper level. Choose a question you like as a group, and think about scenarios when you could use this question. In pairs have a go at playing out a scenario with one of you introducing the question into a conversation. Then pray for opportunities to use the question in the coming weeks.

MAP

Take the Map where you have plotted your five Pray for 5 people with a blob and an arrow to indicate which way they may be heading. Talk in pairs about some of your people (you don't have to name them) and what you could do or say to accompany them on the next step of their journey towards the Christian way?

- What question might you ask them?
- What might be their next appropriate step?
- What might you invite them to?
- How might your answers to these questions shape your praying for them?



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RESOURCES

THE ONE TO READ

- Living His Story, Hannah Steele (SPCK)

TOP READS

- How to Talk About Jesus, Sam Chan (Zondervan)
- Stay Salty, Rebecca Manley-Pippert (The Good Book Company)
- Story Bearer, Phil Knox (IVP)
- Questioning Evangelism, Randy Newman (Kregel)
- Pathway to Jesus, Doug Schaupp and Don Everts (IVP)
- The Reluctant Witness, Don Everts (IVP)

OTHER RESOURCES

- PCC Tonight, [Leading Your Churches in Evangelism](#): six sessions to use with your PCC to help shape churches around evangelism.
- Great Commission [website](#): packed full of resources, stories and articles, it is a great place to find helpful things.
- [Five Thresholds to Faith](#) training.
- [411 Movement](#) training on sharing faith.
- Check out our [Google Classroom](#)



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