

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

For Your Peer Cell Time

Here are a variety of things that you could build into your peer cell meetings for the rest of your time on Arrow to help you in your faith sharing.

PRAY FOR 2/5

Each time you meet spend at least 10 minutes chatting about how things are going with your pray for 2, and praying for them. If you do nothing else, do this one!

STRUGGLES

Repeat the exercise we did on the day, where you take one person's struggle when it comes to sharing faith, and HELP (Honest, Explore, Learn, Pray and Practise) that person to explore how to address that struggle. Next time, ask them how it is going. Repeat each time you meet for a different person's struggle.

COMMON QUESTIONS

We identified there were around 16 common questions that non Christians are likely to ask. I suggested that 30 minutes spent thinking about how to address the questions, often by working out what questions to ask in response, would be sufficient preparation for 95% of the people who will ever ask the question. Take a question each time you meet and work on it together. Here's the list. This isn't all the questions people will ask, but the common ones. You will often find other questions are variations on one of these themes.

1. Aren't we better off without religion?
2. Doesn't Christianity crush diversity?
3. How can you say there's only one true way to God?
4. Doesn't religion hinder morality?
5. Doesn't religion cause violence?
6. How can you take the Bible seriously?
7. Hasn't science disproved Christianity?
8. Doesn't Christianity denigrate women?
9. Isn't Christianity homophobic?
10. Hasn't Christianity condoned racism?
11. How could a loving God allow so much suffering?
12. How could a loving God send people to hell?
13. What kind of God doesn't care about his creation?
14. Isn't faith just a psychological crutch or social construct?
15. Aren't miracles (and the resurrection) impossible?
16. Isn't the church full of hypocrites?

TELLING OUR STORY

Share your story of how you came to faith with each other, inviting feedback on how it could be improved. Use the How to Tell Your Story e-module to help you prepare three different ways of telling your story so that you have more than one way to do it.

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Explore together how you would share the gospel with someone who wanted to know what Christianity was all about. Take a look at some of the suggestions on pages 13-14 and discuss what is good and not so good about each of them. Or read Jayson Geroge's book on the 3D Gospel and work out a way to share faith with people from each of the worldviews he outlines.

PRACTISE SCENARIOS

Take one of the common scenarios that occurs in life and chat through the best way to respond. For example, what did you do over the weekend? Why did you become a church leader/vicar/youth minister? School governor's meeting where someone turns to you and say 'why is the church so homophobic?' Social event, someone you've just met says 'what do you do?' A neighbour who says 'My mother has just been diagnosed with cancer.'

