



Sharing JESUS without *freaking out*

Session 3: Conversations, not Presentations

Opening question: Where do you love to have a conversation? Why do you like going there?
(coffee shop, restaurant, hunting, etc.)

Three helpful questions:

1. Does what we are discussing make _____?
2. Is there any good reason why you wouldn't want to receive God's gift of _____ and salvation?
3. Would you like to do so right _____?

Decision time—what then? You can follow this approach:

1. Pray _____ the person
2. Pray _____ them, helping them simply turn from sin to trust Jesus
3. You and the other person can _____ God!
4. **Follow up: Food**(_____), **BREATH** (_____), **FAMILY** (_____), **ACTIVITY** (_____)

| Presentation | Conversation |
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| Starts in _____ worldview | Starts in the _____ person's worldview |
| Assumes they know the _____ somewhat | Assumes they don't know the _____ |
| Focuses on the lost person as a _____ | Focuses on the <i>imago Dei</i> in the _____ |
| Effective with people with a _____ background | Effective _____ of background |
| Focuses on an _____ decision | Hopes for a decision but understands the Spirit often works in a _____ |

Principle #3

Shifting from giving an evangelistic presentation to having an evangelistic conversation takes pressure off the witness and relates the gospel more clearly to an unbeliever

Understanding the truth shows _____, but knowing when and how to say it shows _____.

Begin to note conversations that bring up a person's _____ or _____, and apply the gospel there.

3 things people can tell about you:

1. If you _____ about them.
2. If you _____ what you are talking about
3. If the _____ is on your life.

Application:

Over the next seven days, pay attention to how many times people talk about their _____ or their _____. This includes anything from trivial matters to serious, life-altering events. Think about how the good news of Jesus can speak to either their passion or pain.

Discussion Questions

1. Think about your passions or pains and if willing, share with your group. This can be anything from trivial matters to serious, life-altering events. How can the good news of Jesus speak to these points of passion and pain. Practice connecting that person's situation to Jesus.

Meditate on these verses this week: Acts 17:22-24

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man

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1. Pray the 3fold prayer daily, and for God to help you grow in your witness.
2. Pray for God to help you see the opportunities to connect with others in everyday conversations, and help you begin to develop relationships in your sphere of influence.
3. Over the next 7 days, pay attention to how often and in what ways people talk about their pain or their passion. This includes anything from trivial matters to serious, life-altering events.