FAITH Life Group Evangelism Training Level 1 Session Two ~ Moving Toward Spiritual Dialogue

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Jesus is your greatest <u>role model</u> for initiating and directing spiritual conversations.

Jesus was intentional in His approach.

Staying in tune with the Father enabled Jesus to identify the person's true spiritual need.

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The situations described represent the multitude of opportunities we have all around...

We can ignore them, or we can enjoy the divine appointment God has placed in our lives.

We can intentionally <u>place</u> <u>ourselves</u> in positions where we can have dialogue with lost people.

1. Search for common areas of interest.

A good listener capitalizes on these areas of interest by getting to know the person God created.

2. Keep an inquisitive mind.

Ask questions with genuine curiosity as you search for the many qualities that make this person special.

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3. Listen for what the person already knows about spiritual matters.

It is important that you discover ways lost persons are **connected**.

4. Discover details about a person's church background.

You can discover helpful information about the person's spiritual condition by the way that person views past church <u>relationships</u>.

5.Let your friend talk.

If you let people talk, they will eventually reveal some struggles.

6.Ask for clarification.

If you are uncertain about what someone is saying, ask questions for clarification.

Ask open-ended questions.

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Let people tell their stories.

Your Sunday School/small-group testimony

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Friends and support

Help in times of need

Opportunities to learn and apply **God's Word**

Growth as a Christian

An opportunity to make a <u>difference</u> in others' lives

Your evangelistic <u>story</u> Preconversion experience:

Select a time in your life that illustrates what it was like without the assurance of heaven.

Be as specific as possible.

Keep this part of the story to one minute or less.

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Conversion experience: You may want to use the statement "I had a life-changing experience" to describe your conversion.

The purpose is to create a <u>desire</u> in the person to know <u>how</u> to have heaven.

Recent benefits of conversion: Share statements and <u>recent</u> <u>events</u> that reflect God's <u>forgiveness</u> in your life.

Close your testimony with a statement of <u>assurance</u>.

This part of your evangelistic story should be less than one minute.

You are seeking to find a way to introduce discussion about <u>Jesus</u>.

The <u>Key Question</u> is a <u>nonthreatening</u> question that asks for an <u>opinion</u>, thus opening the door for more dialogue and, hopefully, the FAITH gospel presentation.

In your personal opinion, what do you understand it takes for a person to go to heaven and have eternal life?

This question serves as the launching pad for the FAITH gospel presentation.

- 1. A faith answer
- 2. A works answer

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- 3. An <u>unclear</u> answer
- 4. No opinion

Make a <u>transition</u> to the gospel presentation by saying, "I'd like to share with you what I discovered in the Bible about that question if it is all right."

If the person says no, leave the door open for <u>future contact</u>.

Be sensitive when making this transition.

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Look for <u>clues</u> about the family when you arrive.

Identify yourself as being from your church.

Make sure you know the **full name** of the person.

Introduce the **team members** visiting with you.

<u>Clarify</u> the reason you are making this visit. <u>Express</u> <u>interest</u> in the things important to the person.

As often as possible and appropriate, call persons by name.

Make the individuals being visited feel **comfortable**...

You should respect every aspect of their time and territory.

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Could one reason we have difficulty sharing Jesus with others be that we have lost our love for Him?

God expects us to have a <u>love relationship</u> with Him, one that is alive and growing.

Then we will always be ready to talk about Him and what He has done for us.