

Full Conversations

Gospel Conversations – Part 4

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We need to be prepared for gospel conversations: Make a list of unbelievers in your life. **We need to learn some gospel basics:** Learn a basic gospel outline. **We need to be flexible in sharing the truth:** Learn some conversation starter questions.

We need to fill out our understanding of the gospel: Continue learning and deepening your understanding of the gospel truths throughout your lifetime. We need to be filled with the truths we seek to communicate. (Colossians 3:16) Evangelism is meant to be the overflow of a heart filled with truth (that causes gratitude and worship) in the presence of unbelievers. In order to be flexible with the 'skeleton' of a basic outline, it helps to put as much muscle and flesh on those bones as possible. This increases the various aspects of the truth that we can see and apply to various people and situations. Our goal is to talk about God, man, Jesus, and faith in the most helpful way we can, with the time we have, with the situation, and conversation, and the person we are talking with in view.

God is the Supreme Good. *What is God like?* Think GRACE. (John 1:14; Luke 15:11-32) LIFE (Psalm 16:11) LIGHT (1 John 1:5) LOVE (1 John 4:8) There is one God who created everything. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 8:3-8; Acts 17:24-29) God is a trinity (tri-unity) of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19-20) God is perfect light/ holiness and love and life. (1 John 1:1-2, 5; 4:8, 16; John 14:6; Psalm 145:17; Exodus 34:6-7) God is man's Sovereign, Savior, Sufficiency and Satisfaction. (Isaiah 46:8-11; 45:21-25; 40:28-31; 55:1-3; Jeremiah 31:14) God created mankind to glorify and enjoy Him. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 16:11; Mark 12:30-31) God created a good world for mankind to enjoy. (Genesis 1-2; 1 Timothy 6:17; John 2:9-11) God is good and does good. (Psalm 34:8; 100:5; 103:5; 119:68; 135:3; Exodus 33:18-19) All good comes from God. (Psalm 65:4; 73:25-26; 104:28; 107:9; James 1:17) God loves all mankind and desires their good. (Psalm 86:5; 145:9; John 3:16; Titus 3:4; Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:32-36; Ezekiel 33:11; Deuteronomy 10:18; 1 Timothy 2:3-7; John 4:10) God hates all that is contrary to love and will justly punish all sin (failure to love God or man). (Exodus 34:7; Psalm 11:5; 5:6; 33:5; 37:28; 89:14; Genesis 18:25; Deuteronomy 32:4)

Man is an idol worshiper. *What is our problem?* Think LAW. (Romans 3:28; Luke 18:9-14) UNBELIEF (Hebrews 3:19) IDOLATRY (Romans 1:23-25) DISOBEDIENCE (Hebrews 3:6) Mankind was created by God to glorify and enjoy Him. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 16:11; Mark 12:30-31) Mankind was created in the image of God to reflect His love and holiness. (Genesis 1:26-31; 1 John 1:5; 4:8, 16; Ephesians 5:1) Mankind was created to honor God by looking to Him for help and happiness. (Jeremiah 17:13; Isaiah 41:10; 55:1-3) Mankind (beginning with Adam and Eve) rebelled against the perfect love of God. (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-13) Mankind worships the creation (created things like other people, money, possessions, earthly pleasures) instead of the Creator. (Romans 1:23-25; Jeremiah 2:9-13; Psalm 17:14-15; Isaiah 44:9-20) Mankind continually fails to love God and others as God requires. (Exodus 20:3-17; Mark 12:30-31; Romans 3:23) Mankind is separated from God, unable to save themselves

and unwilling to come to God for mercy. (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 3:9-20) Mankind has disobeyed God and filled the world with evil and suffering. (Romans 5:12-13; Lamentations 3:38-39) Mankind deserves God's just wrath now and throughout eternity in hell. (John 3:36; Matthew 5:21-30; Romans 1:18-32; 6:23) Mankind refuses to humble them-selves and come to God for mercy, but instead denies God or trusts in their own righteousness. (Psalm 14:1-3; Romans 3:19-20; Matthew 19:16-22)

Jesus is the double cure. *What did Jesus do for us? Think SUBSTITUTE.* (John 1:29; Matthew 22:1-14) LIFE (Romans 5:17) DEATH (Romans 5:8) RESURRECTION (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) God sent Jesus to save us from sin and satisfy us in God. (Matthew 1:21; John 6:35) Jesus is the Son of God. (Matthew 16:15-17) Jesus is truly God and truly Man: He reveals what God is really like and what man should be. (Colossians 1:15; Matthew 3:15) Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. (Matthew 1:23) Jesus lived the life we could never live: perfect love to God and man. (Romans 5:15-21; Philippians 3:7-11) Jesus died the death we deserve to die: the wrath of God on the cross. (Romans 5:6-11; 1 Peter 3:18) Jesus rose from the dead as the only Lord and Savior. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Luke 24; Acts 2:29-36) Jesus rules over all things for the glory of God and the good of His people. (Philippians 2:5-11) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to enable sinners to come to God for mercy in His name and to live for the glory of God. (John 16:5-15) Jesus will return one day to judge all men and to bring in the fullness of the Kingdom of God on earth with perfect righteousness, joy, and peace. (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10) Jesus offers Himself as an able and willing Savior for all. (Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:16-17) God calls all men to turn to Him for mercy and to trust in Jesus and His finished work. (Acts 17:30; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24)

Faith is trust in the promises. *What am I trusting Jesus for? Think REST.* (Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 18:9-14) RIGHTEOUSNESS (Romans 4:19-5:1; Philippians 3:9) RESOURCES (Romans 5:2; 2 Corinthians 12:9) REWARD (Romans 5:2; 6:23) God promises the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life to all who trust in His Son. (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:23; Romans 4:19-25) We are not saved by our own good works or our own righteousness. (Romans 3:28; Ephesians 2:8-9) We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus alone. (Romans 3:24-26; 4:4-5, 13-16) The hand that receives the gift of eternal life in Jesus is the hand of faith alone. (Romans 5:1-2) Look to Jesus alone for the forgiveness of your sins and the gift of eternal life. (John 3:14-16) Look away from your own righteousness, merit, and good works. (Philippians 3:4-11) Look outside of yourself to Jesus for the gift of His righteousness. (Romans 5:17) Look to the cross of Christ for the just payment of your debt of sin. (Romans 5:8) Receive Jesus for all He is and for all God promises us in Him. (John 1:12-13) Agree with God about your sin and what it deserves. (1 John 1:9) Believe that Jesus is an able and willing Savior for you. (Acts 16:30-31) Call on God for mercy in Jesus' name. (Romans 10:9-10, 13; Luke 18:9-14) Rest in Jesus for pardon and perfection. (Romans 5:8, 17) Hope in God for help and happiness. (Psalm 23:1-6; Isaiah 41:10; 55:1-3; Psalm 16:11) Pursue love by trusting and obeying God's Word. (Galatians 5:6; 1 John 2:3-6; Romans 13:8-10) A living faith will produce a life lived to please God, however imperfect it may be. (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:9; Matthew 7:13-27)