

Humble Conversations *Gospel Conversations – Part 7*

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Gospel Lifestyle

Disciples of Jesus rest in Jesus, hope in God, and pursue love. What does resting in Jesus, hoping in God, and pursuing love look like?

Good News: Who make efforts to befriend unbelievers in their families, neighborhoods, workplaces and communities and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in all kinds of ways.

We are trying to flesh out the 'Good News' aspect of our Christian lifestyle.

Gospel Conversations

Gospel conversations are everyday interactions with people in our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods and communities that seek to explain gospel truths with the aim to persuade.

- *Prepared Conversations:* We need to be prepared for gospel conversations.
- *Pointed Conversations:* We need to learn some gospel basics.
- *Flexible Conversations:* We need to be flexible in sharing the truth.
- *Full Conversations:* We need to fill out our understanding of the gospel.
- *Worldly Conversations:* We need to anticipate different worldviews.
- *Good Conversations:* We need to anticipate different strategies for acceptance.
- *Humble Conversations:* We need to speak the truth in love in dependence on sovereign grace/Spirit.

The Question of Who: Who should share the gospel?

All believers are to have gospel conversations but all believers will not do it the same way. (Colossians 4:2-6; Acts 8:1-4; Ephesians 4:11)

The Question of How: How should we share the gospel?

Our gospel conversations should be the outworking of our humble dependence on God. (1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:24-26)

1. Without wanting anything from them, only for them.

Sanctify Christ as Lord (set apart as unique; look to the Lord as uniquely the One who protects and provides and deserves our allegiance)

2. With courtesy.

Gentleness (meekness, gentleness, humility, courtesy; power under control by exercising wisdom; mild or meek in inner attitude or disposition) vs raging on the inside) – James 3:13

3. With respect.

Reverence (fear; honor toward those made in the image of God) (Romans 13:7; James 3:9-10)

4. Resisting arguments.

Not quarrelsome (eager to quibble, fight, quarrel, dispute) vs avoiding unnecessary arguments

5. Open to questions.

Kind (gentle, kind; affable, easy to speak to, approachable in his demeanor) vs defensive, challenging

6. Attempting to explain.

Teaching (capable of imparting counsel and instruction) vs simply telling

7. Overlooking wrong responses.

Patient (bearing evil without resentment; not irritable, intolerant, sarcastic, or scornful) vs short tempered and attacking everything error

8. With humble dependence.

- Dependence on God vs depending on your knowledge or persuasiveness

The Question of When: When should we share the gospel?

We don't have to earn the right to speak. We have been given the right to speak. (Matthew 28:18-20)

When we have an open door. When we have an opportunity. That's when we should speak. (Colossians 4:3; Acts 14:27; 1 Corinthians 16:9)