

### Spiritual Conversations

How do we gain a hearing for the gospel in today's culture?

How is the church in the United States doing with a Gospel witness?



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### How would we characterize our witness efforts?

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 4:1-4

Acts 5:12-16

Acts 5:42 – 6:1, 7

Acts 9:19b-31

Acts 16:1-5



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### How would we characterize our witness efforts?

Eager conversationalist

Reluctant witness



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### Eager Conversationalists or Reluctant Witness

Luke 22:54-62

Luke 9:26

Romans 1:16

2 Timothy 4:2



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### Five Common Myths about Spiritual Conversations

1. Spiritual conversations take place in special places, during special moments, by special people
2. Spiritual conversations are serious and sober events
3. In spiritual conversations I need to be able to give the right answers



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### Five Common Myths about Spiritual Conversations

4. Most spiritual conversations involve conflict and that ruins everything
5. Spiritual conversations are burdensome duties that are, in the end, painful and regrettable



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### Spiritual Conversations

What makes for an eager conversationalist?

- Ephesians 6:13-18

Most of the reasons people don't have more spiritual conversations relate to posture rather than content.

- 1 Peter 3:15-17




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### Habits of eager conversationalists

1. Eager conversationalists look for and expect spiritual conversations in everyday life
2. Eager conversationalists pursue and initiate spiritual conversations




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### Habits of eager conversationalists

3. Eager conversationalists are open to sharing their faith in a wide variety of ways
4. Eager conversationalists gently push through the awkward moments




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**What is the most pleasant, interesting, or delightful spiritual conversation you've ever had?**

**What questions about the Christian faith do you feel least prepared to answer?**

**How prepared do you feel to talk about your faith and Christian lifestyle?**



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**Colossians 4:5-6**



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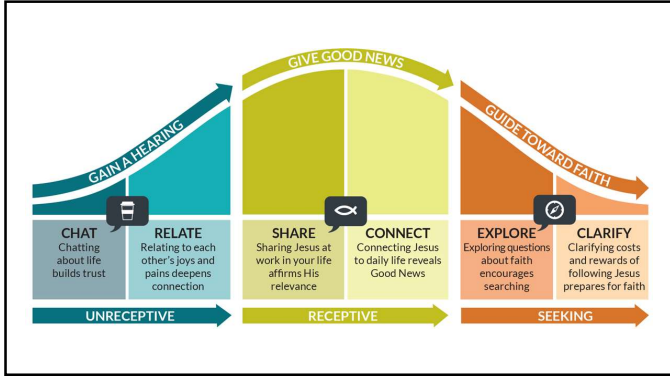
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### The Spiritual Conversation Curve

1. Focus on the person: unreceptive, receptive, seeking
2. What we hope happens: gain a hearing, give good news, guide toward faith
3. Conversation types: chat, relate, share, connect, explore, clarify

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### The Vibrant Conversations Deck

Use these conversation cards to spark discussion with your household. These open-ended questions and prompts will help create conversations in four categories: spiritual disciplines, hospitality, spiritual conversations, and food & fun.



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