

EPISODE: 183 TITLE: How to Transition to a Spiritual Conversation

We are too often compelled by guilt to transition to spiritual conversations. We are supposed try and slip in a little "Jesus talk" or church stuff whenever we can... right? But most of the techniques we've been taught are just that-techniques.

Here are 3 things to believe and consider about transitioning to spiritual conversations...

- 1. **The Gospel is good news for today!** If our understanding of the Gospel and spiritual things is focused primarily on some yet-to-be seen afterlife, it will probably always seem weird or irrelevant to talk about it. We need to speak and believe the Gospel is good news, first, to ourselves *today*. There is truly good news in Christ connected to all of our hopes and dreams, fears and beliefs.
- 2. **Jesus' command was to make disciples**... it was never to get them to come to church or say a special prayer. Discipleship is the goal. Think about what spiritual conversations we need to have with people connected to pain points in their life. Seek out their unbelief and speak to it. We are supposed to mirror what God is like. Our goal is not to "get everybody saved", but to make disciples, helping them move from unbelief to belief in some (and ultimately every) area of their lives.
- 3. The Kingdom moves at the speed of relationship and along the road of trust. You need to invest in relational "invitation" (into your actual life) a lot more than "spiritual" challenges with people. There needs to be that invitation to build trust. The goal is to move acquaintances to relationships of trust where the Gospel can be seen, experienced, AND heard. Invest in relational invitation a whole lot more (and upfront) than anything else.

Believe this: God loves you just the same if you never talk about Jesus or if you always talk about Jesus!

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