

How to Turn a Conversation to Spiritual Things

... with people who aren't Christians

Some conversation starters:

"When I accepted the Lord, it completely changed my life. Can I tell you about it?"

"We've been friends for quite some time now, and I've never really talked to you about the most important thing in my life. Can I take a minute and do that?"

"Do you consider yourself a Christian?"

"Do you think much about spiritual things?"

"I'd like to tell you how I became a Christian". (*Keep it short ... describe your life before and after, and what it means to you*)

"Have you ever come to a point in your life where you trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, or do you think that is something you're still moving toward? Can I share with you how I came to that point?"

"If you could be sure there is a God, would you want to know Him? Or if you could know God personally, would you want to?"

Bring a friend to your church or a Christian event, then ask:

- "What did you think of it?"
- "Did it make sense to you?"
- "Would you like to know God personally?"

"Do you go to church?"

"How do you think someone becomes a Christian?"

"Most people say they believe in God. What does believing in God mean to you?"

"Before I came to know Christ personally, I was an atheist. How would you describe your view of God?"

Whether or not any of these conversation starters are something a person would be comfortable saying probably depends a lot on *who* you're approaching. In my own case, it would have to be someone I knew quite well. I think that if we make the attempt *before* we know a person well, and we are rebuffed, we may lose any chance of ever talking to that person about it again. But if we wait until they know us better, and can see the effect that knowing God has had on our lives, there may be a better chance of getting the message across.

Everything I've read suggests that Christians should share their experiences about talking with others, in order to encourage each other, and to pass on suggestions about what worked and what didn't. I hope I'll be able to do that.