



30 MINUTE DISCUSSION GUIDES

Purpose

These videos and discussion guides exist to help youth leaders equip their youth to share their faith in today's world

- ☐ The discussion-guides, like the videos, are deliberately short - and highly practical.
- ☐ **We hope they help!**

God-talk - Series I

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| 1. | If we don't, who will? | 5mins |
| 2. | This is the gospel | 5mins |
| 3. | How to start a conversation | 4.30mins |
| 4. | How to share the gospel | 4.30mins |
| 5. | The power of prayer | 5mins |



Prior to discussion

We trust that you will break the ice, maybe play a game or two, ask people how they are going, and generally get the conversation going.

If useful, the below 'conversation game' could help. The skills involved in this game are similar to those needed when engaging spiritual conversations with people who don't yet share the same beliefs.

The conversation game

Here is a simple game-idea that can help you practice an important skill – while having fun!

To note it - without this skill, its possible we'll always struggle to have meaningful spiritual conversations with non-church people!

Instructions

- In pairs, two people have a conversation, but they can only use questions
- They 'lose' as soon as one of them makes a statement
 - ...or pauses for an unusually long period of time
 - ...or replies with a question that doesn't make any sense within the conversation.

For example

Would you like to start the question game?...

...Do you realise you've already started it?

But would you like to choose the topic for it?...

...Can't you see that you've already chosen the topic?

Well – how is your game going?...

...How do you think its going

So it's going well?...

...It's great to be doing this isn't it?

Did you enjoy this session?...

...Do you mean the one we just had about question asking?

What other session have we had?...

...Don't you remember last week?

Aren't we supposed to be revising this weeks session now?...

...Isn't that what we're already doing?

Oh – are we still playing that game?...

For example

Would you like a Coke?...

...Do you mean from Coca-cola?

What do you think I mean?...

...Aren't there other types of Coke?

Do you like a different drink?...

...Do you mean like Pepsi?

Pepsi is far too sweet, isn't it?...

...Don't you like it?

Wouldn't you prefer Fanta?...

...That's made by coca-cola too isn't it?

Do you have something against coca-cola?...

...Aren't you going to offer me the option of a water?

Oh - is that what you want?... Etc.



DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. If we don't, who will?

Thirty-minute discussion

HOOK:

- Have you ever been in an embarrassing situation where you mis-communicated because of a cultural difference?
- On your journey toward faith in Christ, how long did it take you to move from being disinterested in God, to having faith in him?

BOOK:

Matthew 28:19-20 – our mission

- Summarise in your own words the mission Jesus gave us, and who's mission it is.

2 Corinthians 4:4 – Spiritual blindness

- Who or what is the god of this age?
- What has been blinded?
- What have they been blinded to?

LOOK:

- What do you think it is in people's thinking that makes them 'blind', or disinterested in the Christian message?
- How much do you think the average non-church young person knows or thinks about God? Do they think about life – and it's purpose? (If not – what is depression about, and why do we have such high youth suicide rates?)
- What kind of approach and language and approach did Luke suggest we needed if we were to talk 'normally' with people about the Christian faith?
- Luke kinda said we don't need to be scared of disagreement. Why is this?
- What do you think it is about a child that enables them to ask 'innocent questions' about something that could be controversial – and to get away with it, while others might not?
 - o Did Jesus sometimes do the same?

TOOK:

- What can you take from today's video and discussion that you can apply in your conversations this week?
- Activity: List a couple of people you'd like to be a witness to, their interests (connection points) and any hindrances you see (prayer points)

Pray:

- Pray for God to stir His love in you for some people you could start encouraging toward faith.
- Pray that you will be helped through watching and discussing these videos
- Pray for boldness and wisdom to ask innocent some sincere and innocent questions this week.