



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.



4. How to share the gospel

Thirty-minute discussion

HOOK:

- Have you ever had to speak in front of a group of people, and for some reason became totally nervous? What happened?
- What do you think is the key to being relaxed when you're communicating something?
- Tell us about one of your best or worst experiences in sharing the gospel?

BOOK: 1 Peter 3.15 – Always be prepared... ..with gentleness and respect.

- If someone asked you to share what you believe – prior to watching this, could you have done it clearly and concisely?
- If someone asked you to share why you believe this message to be true, what sort of things would you say?
- What manner does this Bible verse encourage us to communicate our faith with, and why is this important?

LOOK:

- On a whiteboard or paper, go through the presentation you just saw as a group including (1) the drawing, (2) the 3 questions and (3) the 'abc' summary/prayer.
- Then practice sharing this message in pairs (including the questions, and summary prayer) *with 3 minutes as your maximum length for the drawing part.*
 - o (Note: If someone is already able to share the gospel using a different method - freely use that other method *so long the message is clear, and it's also short*).

TOOK:

- When during this week could you revise this drawing, to help it get into your long-term memory?
- When will you revise this drawing as a group later this year, to help it get into long-term memory?
- Is there anyone you'd like to show this to this week?
(Note: Remember to share concisely, in under 3 minutes like in the video, and then ask *them* some questions to understand where they are at, so they talk too).

Pray:

- Pray for opportunities to share this with friends
- Pray for wisdom to know how to help yourself remember this *forever*, so you'll soon be ready to share it at any literally any time when in the coming 60 or more years!