

ENGAGING SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Starting Spiritual Conversations

As Christians interested in sharing our faith, as spiritual guides, we find it helpful to have at hand some conversation starters. The following are merely suggestions that enable conversations to begin. Some of them may be more comfortable for you to ask than others. Create your own. The idea is to begin talking about God.

1. Do you give much thought to God and spiritual things?
2. Tell me about your most memorable spiritual experience.
3. What do you think is a person's greatest spiritual need?
4. Tell me about your church background; did you go to church as a child?
 - a. How do you feel about your upbringing and your awareness of spiritual things?
 - b. How would you describe your life with God now?
5. How do you think a person begins a personal relationship with God?
6. When did you feel closest to God?
 - a. What were the factors or influences that brought you near to God?
 - b. What would renew that sense of closeness?
7. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being closest to God), where do you see yourself in relationship with God?
 - a. Where do you want to be?
 - b. How do you see yourself moving closer to God?
 - c. How can I encourage you to get to where you would like to be?

The spiritual conversation starters allow you to easily introduce a spiritual topic into the conversation. Simply select a question or questions that tie into the former conversation or topics of interest. Some questions can be used in sequence. Proceed as long as your friend shows interest. Stay sensitive to his or her response. Affirm any amount of truth or insight offered.