

Jesus was the perfect model of having <u>conversations that</u> <u>lead to salvation</u>. He was interested and intentional with every individual. The conversations that Jesus had with people were often constructed of these elements:



GOOD.

Jesus would start with a GOOD conversation. Try having a good conversation like Him. Show interest in someone and encourage them. Be sincere and kind. Ask questions and be conversational. Everyone wants to be noticed, cared for and loved.

Become good at having GOOD conversations everywhere you are.

GOD.

Jesus would transition a GOOD conversation into questions, comments or attributes of God. Look for opportunities to mention general ways God has worked in your life, attributes of God's character, etc.

Be sensitive to how this is received and responded to, and if someone is ready to talk more about God. If not, keep having GOOD conversations, adding occasional God references and praying for your readiness and their receptivity.

GOSPEL.

Jesus would transition a GOD conversation into truth about His salvation. Look for a way to connect a God conversation to a specific salvation conversation.

Try sharing how you discovered your need for Jesus, how He changed your life, or how you've seen Him change others' lives.

The hopeful outcome is having a GOSPEL conversation about the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus that provides our only way of salvation. Use simple Gospel icons to visually share too.

A GOSPEL CONVERSATION-

Creation. GENESIS 1:1

Beauty. God creates all things beautiful to display His love and essence. God creates people to share His love and respond to His love. There is nothing other than goodness in God's creation.



Brokenness. People choose self over God. Sin enters and distorts people's relationship with God, self, others and the world. Brokenness enters into all things and affects everything in God's original, beautiful creation.



Works.	
EPHESIANS	2:8-9

People attempt to repair their relationship with God by their own works and their own ways. **But sinful people cannot repair or reconcile themselves to a holy God.** People are hopeless without God's gracious intervention.

Incarnation.

God loves people, so He Himself enters His creation in the flesh, being born because we're born, so He can substitute Himself in our place. **People cannot get to God, so God came to us.**

Crucifixion. 2 COR. 5:21

Since God loves the world, He sent His one and only Son, both God and man, to stand in as a substitute for our sin and die on a cross. Jesus suffered because we suffer. And Jesus died because we die. Resurrection. 1 COR. 6:14

Life is more powerful than death. The uncreated Creator of all life resurrected from death by His own power. Jesus overcomes death for all who will receive Him and His resurrection on their behalf. **He raised back to life because we could not.**

Salvation. ROMANS 10:9-10

Jesus repairs people's broken relationship with God and gives His Spirit to live within all who believe in Him as Lord and Savior. **True belief in Jesus begins with a new life empowered by His Spirit, and this new life begins now and lasts forever.**

Return. 1 THES. 4:14-18

Jesus will return one day to complete our salvation and restore all things to their original, beautiful state as it was before sin entered the world. We grow daily by following Jesus, looking ahead with hope in His return.



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