

Top 10 Ways to Start a Conversation About God

Do you find it difficult to start a conversation when you feel the nudge to share your faith? Witnessing doesn't have to sound forced or fake. These simple ice-breakers can lead to sincere discussions that may lead someone to Christ:

After a greeting or casual conversation, you can ask, "Have you noticed how many people today are thinking more about their need for God?" Their answer will help you perceive where they are spiritually.

Ask people you meet if they have noticed any signs of spiritual awakening in their cities. This is another general, nonthreatening question.

Greet people with this question: "Has the Lord been good to you today?" Just bringing the Lord into your conversation will often open up a ministry opportunity.

At a Christian convention, concert or other gathering, you can ask security guards, janitorial staff or support personnel, "Has anyone talked with you about the Lord today?" You might follow up with, "Has anyone shared with you how you can know God personally?"

Give someone a Gospel of John or other portion of Scripture and say, "Here's a booklet that was written by a man who knew Jesus personally. It tells how you can know Him personally as well."

If you are talking to a religious person who may not really know Christ, ask him or her, "Have you had a desire for a more personal, intimate relationship with God?"

Talking to family members or close friends about God can be awkward. A good approach is to ask, "Is something going on in your life that I can pray with you about?" This will often lead to further discussion.

A good way to introduce a spiritual dimension into a conversation is to say: "You might be interested to know that a growing number of people are coming to an awareness of the need for something or someone outside of themselves. Have you noticed that?"

Share your testimony. Begin by saying, "Would you mind if I share with you how I came to have real peace and joy in my life and an assurance that I'll go to heaven when I die?"

If someone seems receptive to spiritual things, ask him or her, "Would you like to know for sure that your sins are forgiven?" □