

Session 4 | The Conversation Spiral | Part 1

Session Introduction:

- Key session outcome: Increased awareness of the depth of our conversations with non-Christians.
- What did you learn about prayer from the combined Life Groups 'Breakthrough Prayer' last Tuesday?
- Reach Plan – we've done two sessions/practices of building the plan and will continue to do every week. Is everyone understanding? Everyone participating?

PRAY

- Begin your Life Group with worship songs, contemplative prayer, thankfulness, personal prayer requests or similar.
- That Discover Church will continue to align around a bold and wise witness to Jesus.

GROW

Review last weeks practice:

My Reach Plan – Nominate a unique prayer points and ideal relationship building activities. Organise an activity with one person over the next 1-2 weeks.

Debrief your prayers and your activity with your friend. Was your invite well received? Were you aware of God in the activity?

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EXTERNAL General Questions	<p>Whatever is being discussed...</p> <p>Everyday topics like Sport, family, work, friends, school, pop-culture, parenting, hobbies</p>	<p>What do you think about that celebrity losing their way?</p> <p>In what situations do you see discrimination?</p> <p>Do you feel like being busy is a choice or a reality of modern life?</p>
INTERNAL Specific Questions	<p>The heart, feelings, person impact</p> <p>Personal topics like relationship pain, societal concerns, family values, dreams for future, political leanings, marriage frustrations, money situations.</p>	<p>Have you ever lost your way?</p> <p>Have you personally been discriminated against?</p> <p>When was the last time you truly felt 'not busy'? what did that feel like?</p>
ETERNAL God Questions	<p>Values, ethics, meaning of life</p> <p>Existential topics like spirituality, meaning, creation, destiny, purpose, eternity</p>	<p>Where do you turn if you lose your way?</p> <p>How can we achieve a society free from discrimination?</p> <p>What does your busyness reveal about who's in control of your life?</p>

Discussion Questions:

1. Review the table above – How often do your conversations spiral deeper than merely external/general?
2. Brainstorm 5 questions anyone could use to nudge a conversation from external to internal.
3. **What topics are common to your 3-5 nominated friends? Which of the three levels are these topics at? What kind of questions could deepen these conversations?**
4. Jesus asked 307 questions, meaning about 1 in 6 things Jesus said was a question. Why did Jesus use questions to reach people as opposed to just giving them the answers, telling them the truth!
5. Read [Acts 10:24-36](#) – Peter's paradigm toward the Gentiles is changed by God (v28) and the Gospel message can flow resulting in Cornelius household being transformed. What paradigms or beliefs cause you to not share the Gospel and exclude others from Jesus?

Review this weeks Practice:

The practices are designed for you to complete on your own and then review at next week's session.

REACHING PRAYERS

- Pray by God's grace that conversations with your friends will deepen and that the Holy Spirit will give you the words to speak.
- Pray that you will proclaim this message about Jesus as clearly as we should. ([Col 4:4](#))
- Pray for places you go in your local community

PRACTICE

Use 'My Reach Plan' to list the topics you currently discuss with each person at each of the three level of the Spiral. It's okay if the internal and eternal conversations are absent, just add topics that you could discuss if the opportunity arose.

During a conversation this week use one of your questions to take the conversation deeper.

Tips

- Write down the top 10 topics your friends talk about.
- Select a few topics your most natural talking about and craft questions for each of the three categories (external, internal, eternal).
- Review a conversation you had this week with a non-Christian. What questions did you ask well? Where did you miss a chance to ask a question? Where could you have nudged the conversation deeper?

Go Further

Study some of the 307 questions Jesus asked – Describe the deeper motive, belief or truth he is getting at behind each question?

EXAMPLE: My Reach Plan**Session #4: The Conversation Spiral #1**

External topics:	Blended Family/Fathering				
Internal topics:	Family values, relationship with his Father				
Eternal topics:	God's purpose for families and fathering				