

# GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS

How to share your faith

## DISCIPLE MAKERS

### SEVEN HIGHLIGHTS

1. 🗣️ Move conversations from casual to meaningful, to spiritual.
2. 📖 Jesus used short, relatable stories and questions in his conversations.
3. 🧩 Mosaic approach: Present different aspects of the gospel over time.
4. 🌱 Plant seeds of faith through short stories and questions.
5. 🧐 Seek advice from others to foster discovery conversations and relate their advice to Christ.
6. 🤝 Building relationships and following up on conversations is crucial.
7. 📖 Invite friends to discover God in the Bible when appropriate for deeper exploration of faith.

### AT A GLANCE

Jesus related the gospel to everyday life and asked questions rather than giving direct information. The Mosaic approach involves presenting different aspects of the gospel over time. Building relationships and following up on conversations is crucial, eventually leading to Bible study invitations when appropriate.



### VIDEO



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In today's fast-paced world, sharing your faith with others can be a challenging endeavor. Many of us struggle to find the right words or opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations about our beliefs. Some times we converse with others as if our beliefs or their own don't really matter in life. But what if there was a way to make these conversations more natural, more impactful, and less intimidating? That's where the discovery and mosaic approaches come in to aid in gospel conversations.

## MOSAIC APPROACH

Now, consider the Mosaic Approach. Just as a mosaic is a beautiful picture created from various pieces, this approach involves sharing the gospel in multiple ways. Jesus didn't present the entire gospel all at once; he highlighted different aspects at different times. Sometimes, it was about the cross, other times about redemption, forgiveness, the kingdom, or obedience. It's like a puzzle where every piece contributes to the whole picture.

In your conversations, remember that people may already be familiar with the idea that "Jesus died for your sins." What can intrigue them further are the aspects of the kingdom of God [the breaking in of the new age over fallen humanity, allowing us an alternative way of experiencing life to the full in King Jesus]. Jesus spoke about it in various ways, using metaphors like a house, a gate, or a vineyard. Your goal is to relate the gospel to the topics people already discuss in your context—whether it's worry, debt, politics, relationships, or pop culture.

## DISCOVERY APPROACH

Imagine your faith conversations as a journey, much like the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, a person of peace, at the well. It begins casually, just like any other conversation. Gradually, it evolves into something meaningful, then spiritual, and finally, it culminates in a discussion about the gospel. This is the essence of the discovery approach. Instead of diving headfirst into theological discussions or rehearsed presentations, think about how Jesus engaged people. He often used short, relatable stories—parable-like conversations—that connected with everyday life. He asked questions, fostering an atmosphere of discovery rather than delivering sermons.

## CONVERSATION SCRIPT

**You:** Hey, how's everything going with you?

**Friend:** Not bad, just dealing with some financial stress.

**You:** I can understand that. You know, it reminds me of a story from the Bible. There's this part where Jesus was with his friends on a boat, and they were terrified because of a storm. But then, He stood up and calmed the storm. It got me thinking, do you ever feel like you need something to calm the storms in your life?

**Friend:** Yeah, sometimes I wish I had something like that.

**You:** That's interesting. I believe that story teaches us something about finding peace even in tough times. What do you think it might mean for us today?

**Friend:** Well, maybe it's about finding inner peace when everything around us feels chaotic.

**You:** That's a great insight. It's amazing how these stories from the Bible can relate to our lives. It's like pieces of a larger puzzle, each one showing us something important.

**Friend:** Yeah, it's like there's more to it than what we see at first.

**You:** Exactly! And you know, I find these conversations about faith really fascinating. Do you ever wonder about other aspects of faith or spirituality?

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

Think about the people you regularly engage with. What are the top five topics they often discuss in your context? How can you relate the gospel to these subjects using the discovery and mosaic approaches?

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Have you ever sought advice from non-believers during your conversations about faith? How did they respond, and did it lead to deeper discussions?

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Consider your role in these conversations. Are you genuinely listening and nurturing meaningful discussions, or do you sometimes find yourself trying to control the outcome? Reflect on how you can maintain authenticity in your interactions.

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