

# six|conversation

25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19

## **It is easy to believe the lie that...**

There will be nothing significant to talk about, so it's just better not to talk. The situation will turn awkward and forever ruin the hope of relationship. They never ask about my life, so why even try?

## **Instead, we can believe that:**

*1) Jesus was a master at conversation, therefore his ambassadors are too.*

With the Holy Spirit guiding us, it is no longer about personality. It is about God in us! As a new creation, we now represent who Jesus is to the world...neighbors included. Jesus asked great questions, engaged all sorts of people, and was clear when he spoke. We can look to Jesus to learn, and stay in step with Spirit to guide us through each and every conversation we have.

*2) Day 1 may be the day.*

There is not a formula for sharing the gospel that is copy and paste to every situation. There might be open doors to sharing more specifically about Jesus after 1 year, 1 month, or 1 day. The issue is not their readiness or your preparation...the issue is obedience. If we wait until we are fearless or faultless, it will be a long time waiting. When the Spirit prompts, we get the joy of obeying, no matter what the response or how we feel about it.

*3) Practice.*

The best way to grow at engaging strangers is to engage strangers. The best way to deepen relationship with our neighbors is to put ourselves in the situation. Will we ask a weird, untimely question at times? Of Course. Will we respond with what feels like an ignorant answer? Sure. Will we not know what to even say? Probably daily. God saves and God sanctifies...practice doesn't make perfect, but He will grow us.

## **Question to consider:**

What are the biggest insecurities that arise in your life when conversation happens?

## **Action to take:**

> Become more prayerful heading into a conversation. As you walk toward the neighbor at the fence or down the hall, pray that God will direct you and open doors for the Gospel to be shared and showed.