

Re-Cap

- Conversational Evangelism Week 2: Enquire, Don't Disagree.
- Underpinning this is the conviction that we have Good News to tell.
- 'A great conversations begins with a great questions' – Keith Hooker
- Curious about what other people believe. Confident in what we believe.

Rev Frank Ritchie

- Methodist Minister, Radio Broadcaster, Twitter-er
- Poll: 'What would you call yourself if asked?'
 - 1,200 votes. Christian: 32.1% Atheist: 36.3% Muslim: 0.7% Agnostic: 30.3%
- Poll Comments:
 - *You need an 'it's complicated' option*
 - *Spiritual. I believe in God, not religion*
 - *A sort of Catholic atheist sceptic, maybe?*
 - *I said, 'Christian' but I have not called myself one for years.*
 - *I believe in a higher power...of some kind.*
 - *I put the 'ish' in Jewish.*
 - *Curious atheist.*
- Follow Up Question: What is your worldview/beliefs?
- Through social media Frank Ritchie initiated a conversation about spirituality by asking questions.

Peter the Apostle

- *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)*

You

- What opportunities do you have to share the great hope of your faith?

Spirituality in NZ

- 'What is true for me might not be true for you.'
- Jesus: The Way, the Truth, the Life.
- Christianity as a minority. The church is not unfamiliar with life on the outskirts.
- How can we be prepared to give a reason for the hope that we have? What if nobody asks?
- Ask questions. Jesus did. e.g. Luke 14:1-6
- Give an illustration. Tell a story.

Disagreement

- Jesus and the Pharisee's certainly had their disagreements. But it wasn't the differences in their educated opinions that mattered most.
- There will be disagreement.
- The Gospel is both good and challenging news.
- Ask questions, offer illustrations, *give a reason for the hope that we have*, do this with gentleness and respect.

Conclusion

- 1 Peter 3:15-18a
- Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' He is our hope.