

Conversation Game (example)

Would you like to start the game?

Would I like to start the game?

Would you like to play the conversation game?

Would you like to go first?

Do I look like I want to go first?

But aren't you keen to get started?

Shall we start now?

Haven't we already started?

Do you think you're quite clever?

Are you trying to trick me so I lose?

Do you think I'd be like that?

Don't you think I can see it coming?

What would you like to discuss?

Would you like to discuss favourite movies?

What is your favourite movie?

Would you agree that Gladiator is the best movie ever?

Are you crazy?

Etc.

CONVERSATIONAL
EVANGELISM
SERIES 1

Everyday Spiritual conversations

Small Group Study |

Enquire, don't disagree



Outreaching
CULTURE

A Leadership
Strategy by

all together
Consulting

Discussion 2:

Enquire, don't disagree

LAUNCHING ACTIVITY

Opening: The question game

In pairs, start conversations in which members are

- only allowed to ask questions (no statements)
- and in which the questions must be a logical continuation of the conversation
- ...and there ideally shouldn't be any awkward pauses. (See bottom of discussion guide for an example)

Q1. Have you ever been in a conversation with a non-believer where they said things you disagreed with - and you were lost for words? What happened?

Q2 - Have you ever been in the same situation where you managed to say things that opened the conversation up in a meaningful way?

Q3 - Have you ever been in the same situation - but you said something and regretted it?

Today we looked at a few Bible verses where we saw Jesus in potentially tense conversations - and the people skills Jesus used in each case.

Q4. Let's look at one Bible passage again.

- What was the point of conflict
- How did Jesus respond? (what was wise about how he responded?)

Luke 5.33-35

- **The conflict:** Jesus breaking cultural/religious norms re fasting
- **Jesus' response:**
- Jesus uses a question to invite their engagement in a conversation.
- Jesus does so while also giving an illustration that might help his reasoning to make sense

Q5. How do you typically respond when there is awkwardness in a conversation:

- Confront it / address it,
- Silence
- Ask an interested question?

Q5b. Which do you think is the wisest response?

Q5c. Why do you think you respond as you do? (Where do our different 'presets' come from? Can we change them?)

Activity: In pairs, take turns at bringing up a disagreeable topic - so the other person can get practice at asking questions (that will keep the conversation going) - rather than disagreeing straight away (which would end the potential conversation). Make up your own or use the following examples.

- (SPIRITUAL) I think all religions are basically the same.
- (SPORTING) The Australian rugby team is definitely better than the All Blacks!
- (FINANCIAL) Capital gains tax is a great idea. Everyone single person who owns a property should pay!
- (CULTURAL) The Treaty of Waitangi is irrelevant to us today.