



How to have conversations that count and to use lunches for an eternal impact in the lives of others.



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- ~ www.MissionStatementBuilder.com ~ building a personal mission statement
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Having a LUNCH ON PURPOSE





Everyone Has to Eat

In our hectic paced world, everyone seems too busy to do anything together. Although many people have different approaches to lunch— bring your own, working lunch, business lunch, power lunch, etc... there should be room in our lives for one other type of lunch — a “Lunch on Purpose”.

What is a Lunch on Purpose?

A “Lunch on Purpose” is simply taking the initiative to go out to lunch with someone from your office in hopes that you can get to know them better, build bridges with them, and see if God opens up any further doors for discussion.

Because we are hoping to see a growing movement of dynamic workplace professionals who are being used by God, it is our desire to see believers in the marketplace regularly taking the initiative to have a "Lunch on Purpose"- maybe two to three times a month or more.

Some Tips

As you initiate these friendship lunches, here are some tips:

- ~ Ask someone in your company or business that you do not know that well or you have not taking the time to get to know.
- ~ Ask another believer from work to join you.
- ~ If you are married, generally try to stay away from having one on one lunches with someone of the opposite sex, unless you know there are really clear boundaries between you.



Finding Common Ground

Too often Christians become known for what they are against, versus what they are for. It is far easier to connect with someone and potentially get to deeper life issues if you can find as many points of agreement as possible.

The end result of finding common ground is for the other person to be able to think or say, “hey we really are not that different, we want some of the same things out of life.” If you can get to that point, then sharing your personal faith story at your lunch or a future lunch really becomes a natural part of the relationship.

Points of Connection

As you seek to find some common ground between you, here are some good questions to keep in mind:

Their Background

- Where did they grow up?
- What did they like doing when they were young ?
- Were there any favorite vacation spots they went to ?
- What did their parents do ?
- What did they get from their family that they want to pass on to their family ?
- What things would they want different in their family ?
- What were their brothers and sisters like ?
- Did they grow up going to church ? If they did not, do they wish they had ?
- What was their favorite present of all time ? Was it a Christmas gift?
- How did their family celebrate Christmas ? Thanksgiving ?
- What was their experience like in college ?
- How have they liked living in this city?
- What is the greatest strength they bring to their job ? Growth area?
- What hobbies or interests do they have ?

Their Opinion or Advice

- Do you have cable ? What do you let kids watch ?
- Do you think about what you eat ? Why is this important to you ?
- What do you think the greatest need in our community is right now ? What is the greatest need in the world ?

Their Imagination or emotions

- Did you hear about Bob’s diagnosis ? What would you do if you found out you had cancer ?
- If you had plenty of money and could do anything you want for a living what would you do ?
- How would you feel if your house burned down and you lost everything?



How to Get a “Yes” in Advance

There are several ways that you can always get a “yes” answer when you ask to have lunch with someone.

- Be Happy— No one ever wants to go to lunch with someone who is always negative or gossipy around the office.
- Pray— Pray for those in your office by name, that God might open their hearts to consider a relationship with God or grow deeper in their relationship with Him.
- Acts of Kindness—Take some action around the office using the 30 Ways to Change a Day at Work Brochure.
- Treat Everyone Equally—From CEO to janitor be consistent. This is a small item that does not go unnoticed.
- Do Your Work Well—If you are respected, people will listen to you. Do your work well, professionally, and timely.
- Group Lunches—Here is a fun idea. Why don’t you take the lead in getting a group of people to go once a month to a different International restaurant in your city? Look for the real deal. What an ice breaking and bonding experience it is—good or bad—to go with a group of people to a real ethnic restaurant. Other people might actually think you are fun!

Be Prepared !

As you initiate with others, seek common interests, and treat them with respect. God will open doors— sometimes far sooner than you may think. This means you need to be prepared, but not perfect. The most helpful things to have clear in your head are:

First , your own personal story on how God has worked in your life. You need to have it thought out clearly and able to share in 3-5 minutes. See the Sharing Your Story Well Brochure.

Secondly, you need to be able to clearly explain how a person can begin a relationship with God—Your Most Important Investment may be a helpful resource to use and be familiar with. Know the essence of the Gospel—1. God loves us, 2. Man is separated from God, 3. Christ forgives us of our sin and bridges the gap between God and man and gives us eternal life, 4. Each of us must choose to receive this gift from Christ. There is no family plan, it is an individuals choice! Be ready. God will use you.