



## 7: SHARE - Simple & Strategic

So how can we engage others in a spiritual conversation?  
Today we learn some simple and strategic ways  
to talk with others about what matters most.

### **Start a Spiritual Conversation with those closest in your circles of influence.**

- 🕒 **Communicate Value.** *"You are valuable, created in the image of God. I'm a follower of Jesus. and I would love to talk with you more about Him."*
- 🔍 **Ask a probing question.** *"What's your spiritual background like? "Do you ever think about spiritual things?" "Do you consider yourself a FOLLOWER of Jesus?" "What happens when you die?"*
  - Typically, people will respond by sharing 1) they are a Christian, fully relying on Jesus 2) a Christian (without having evidence of fruit), 3) other claims - good works, many ways to God, other religion, or atheist.
- 🕒 **Bad News/Good News:** Help 'em see sin & need for Savior.
  - **God** - Gen. 1:1
  - **Man:** Gen. 1:27
  - **Sin:** Rom. 3:23, 6:23a
  - **Jesus:** Rom. 5:8, 6:23
  - **Judgment:** Jn. 3:16-18

### **Acts 17:26–31 NIV**

<sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **[GOD - created all things]**<sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring **[MAN - created in God's image]**, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **[SIN - people are to turn away]** <sup>31</sup> For **he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice** by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead." **[JESUS & JUDGMENT]**

- 🕒 **Share your Story (in 3 minutes):** B.C. days ► trusting Jesus ► NOW

\* **Don't chase rabbits & Don't answer what you don't know.** Don't fall for this trap. Instead, if the question seems legitimate, say, *"I'm not sure. I'll take some time to research that and get back to you."*

🕒 **Challenge to follow Jesus.** Most spiritual conversations won't end with the person ready to trust Jesus that moment. **Plant the seed, be patient, point them to read Scripture, and be ready to answer questions.**

### Acts 17:32-34 NIV

<sup>32</sup> When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, **"We want to hear you again** on this subject."<sup>33</sup> At that, Paul left the Council.

<sup>34</sup> Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed.

See the 3 different responses? Be ready for the same as you share.

### FEET2FAITH

1. Write your Story & verbally share with a believing family member/friend this week.

2. Watch the **Evolution vs. God** movie ([evolutionvsGod.com](http://evolutionvsGod.com)) and focus on how he shares the gospel - bad and good news.