Starting a Gospel Conversation

Principles and Questions

**Principles**

* Be Prepared (mentally, generosity, physically, books, church invites, etc.)
  + We are ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:20

English Standard Version

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* Be Prayerful
  + Apart from Christ we can do nothing

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* Be Purposeful
  + Try to connect with the other person

Matthew 10:16

**16**“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

**Questions**

(not about us, goal is to start a conversation, find something out about the other person, to connect, see if a bridge forms to lead to the gospel)

* “Thank you for sharing with me about your kids, it seems like a much more confusing world for a kid to grow up in today than when we were growing up” (truth, meaning of life, greater purpose)
* “Great service is so rare today, do you mind me asking who taught or modeled for you such a servant’s heart?” (possible family/faith connection, servant, humility)
* “May I ask you a question about your tattoo?.....”
* “My friend and I were just talking about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it would be a gift to hear your opinion, if you don’t mind my asking what do you think about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* “If someone gave you $1 million dollars and you had to spend it on a hobby, what would you spend it on.”
* “Would you help us settle a debate about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? What do you think………”
* “I noticed your shirt, do you mind sharing with me……”
* “I’m curious, do you believe most things happen for a reason?”

*End it well (generosity, graciously, thanking them, leaving a review, cleaning up, etc.)*