



Spark everyday gospel encounters by initiating conversations on these five recurring themes buzzing in our world. Everyone is wrestling with these questions and finding strategies to cope with life when they can't find answers. Listening to their replies can help us understand how better to present the good news of Jesus in a winsome and compelling fashion.

### Questions About Life's Big Problems

- 1 What do you think is wrong with the world?
- 2 What do we need to be delivered from?
- 3 What if the problem of evil is within us all?

### Questions About Destiny

- 1 Are we the masters of our own destinies?
- 2 Are we pawns in a big game of chess?
- 3 Do we make our own decisions or are we just following the programming of our DNA?

### Questions About Right Living

- 1 How should morals be determined?
- 2 What if my morals conflict with someone else's?
- 3 Are morals merely cultural practices?

### Questions Of Identity

- 1 Who are you?
- 2 Where do you fit in the world?
- 3 Is there meaning in the world?

### Questions Of Transcendence

- 1 Is there something beyond?
- 2 How would we know if there were?
- 3 Is it possible to connect to a higher power?

## 5 Themes To Spark Faith Conversations\*

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### Meaning

How do we connect?

*We want to feel part of the universe so we aren't so lonely, but we also need to know we are apart from the universe so we don't lose our identity (as in Eastern religion).*

#### The Good News:

We long to have a solid and significant identity because God made us in his image and intended that we rest in what he says about us.

Genesis 1:27  
Psalm 139:13-16  
John 3:16

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### Morality

Who makes the rules?

*Many struggle to reconcile professed commitment to freedom, inclusion, and tolerance with insistence that beliefs of certain individuals and groups are evil.*

#### The Good News:

God has revealed his character in his moral commands, which are given so we can achieve true human flourishing.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28  
John 10:10  
Romans 2:14-15

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### Deliverance

What's the way out of life's problems?

*People know that the world isn't as it should be. They often look to entertainment and/or various addictions for a momentary sense of deliverance.*

#### The Good News:

We need to be delivered from sin and guilt. God can redeem us and someday he will restore all creation. Inside, everyone longs for that redemption.

Acts 3:19-21  
2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:17  
Hebrews 13:14

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### Destiny

Can we control it?

*We know that we are active players in the world. At the same time, we have a nagging feeling that we are passive participants in someone else's story.*

#### The Good News:

God sovereignly controls everything that happens in the universe and will someday make all things right.

Psalms 139:1-12  
Matthew 1:21  
John 6:44

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### Higher Power

Can we transcend?

*Some deny God's existence but most people replace the true God with counterfeit gods and paths to divine connection, such as crystals, karma, and luck.*

#### The Good News:

Jesus' life, death and resurrection reconcile to God all who repent and believe, resulting in meaning, moral strength, deliverance, and a glorious destiny.

John 14:6  
Acts 17:22-28  
Romans 8:38-39

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