

4 Principles for Transformational Conversations

1. Stay Alert to Your Associations

- Problem: Most people don't talk about God b/c they're TIRED
- Jesus was "wearied" but still made time
- Combat tiredness through:
 - PRAY for opportunities
 - PREPARE - know what to say (1 Peter 3:15)
 - PAY ATTENTION to Holy Spirit promptings
 - Never PUSH people beyond comfort level

2. See All Appointments Through 3 Stages

- Every person falls into one of three stages:
 1. GOOD conversations (weather, sports, life)
 2. GOD conversations (struggles, trials)
 3. GOSPEL conversations (Jesus, salvation)

3. Speak Authentically in Every Stage

A. Develop Good Conversations

- Never let differences make a difference
- Lead with FRUIT not FAITH
- Fruit of Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

B. Discern God Conversations

- PIVOT POINT: When people share struggles
- 5 T's: Trials, Tough times, Transitions, Turmoils, Troubles
- Ask: "Where is God in this for you?"
- Share: "I went through something similar - prayer helped me"

C. Define Gospel Conversations

- DEFLECT & DIRECT - always make Jesus the issue
- Keep redirecting back to gospel

4. Support Their Advancement

- Evangelism = good/God/gospel conversations
- Discipleship = staying with new believers
- Follow up like Jesus did (stayed 2 more days)