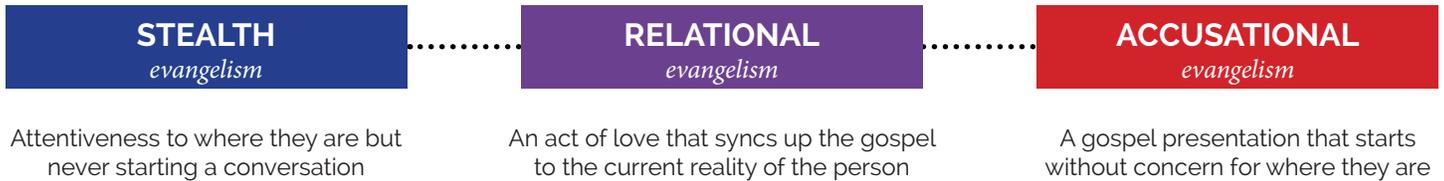


HOW TO TURN CASUAL CONVERSATIONS INTO ETERNAL ENCOUNTERS

(Based off the last chapter of Beyond Awkward)



I. Mind Frame.

What is the mind frame that you step into the world with everyday?

What is essential to think if we want to have great spiritual conversations?

- The Harvest is plentiful...RIGHT NOW...TODAY!
- You are the person God is going to use, not your friend or pastor
- God will create the opportunities for you to share your faith

The foundation of a great spiritual conversation is the mind frame we have entering it. 90% of spiritual conversation happens before the conversation starts...The Mind Frame!

What is the mind frame you want to have going to work next time?

II. Asking Good Questions

3 GOOD QUESTIONS TO START CONVERSATION:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

III. Finding The Handle

When we ask great questions, we find a context to share the gospel into. (for example, you find out that there mom is sick and they think God is distant and doesn't care.) this is a context to share the gospel into and a handle to turn the conversation spiritual

A handle is a theme or struggle in a person's life that emerges in conversation.



IV. Sharing your story/God's Story

When we can locate a handle in someone's story, it is absolutely the best thing if we can share our story right into their context. But this demands us to be aware of the multiple handles we have in our story as well

What is your transformational story? Where has God changed you or impacted you in life?

Take some time and think about your story and different transformational parts of your story

God's Story: We also want to know how to share Jesus stories right into a person's context. List a few of your favorite stories from the gospels where Jesus interacts with someone. Write the story and felt need it addresses.

-
-



When you grab the handles in their story and open up the conversation further, you will find deeper stories.

V. Invite Response

I think the biggest obstacle to our friends coming to faith is our lack of challenge to them after a great spiritual conversation.

Having a spiritual conversation and not inviting response of some kind is like doing surgery and not stitching someone back up. Invitations wrap the conversation up so you don't let their spiritual guts stay hanging out there

Some possible challenge points are:

- Praying with them
- Doing an evangelistic Bible Study
- Inviting them to church or home groups
- INVITING THEM TO FAITH

CASE STUDY

Scenario

You are walking in your neighborhood and you come upon a house where someone is doing some yard work. You say hi to them and all of sudden you find yourself in a conversation with them about life.

- 1) How would you usually think about this situation normally (your mind frame)?
- 2) How would you want to be thinking about this situation now (mind frame)?
- 3) What are three good questions you could ask them to find some handles?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

Response

You end up talking to them about your family and work and also what you do for fun on the weekend. They asked you if you if you watched the Bears on Sundays and besides the fact that they are bad, you tell them you don't watch them much because of church activities. They were surprised you went to church, but you decide to ask them, "what is your spiritual background?" and they responded that they had a little bit of one, they went to church a little bit with their family when they were a kid. And they have gone a few times here and there as an adult. (you were tempted to end the conversation there, but since you are believing the harvest is ready you ask them one more question, "what do you think about Jesus or Church now? What's changed?" and they respond by telling you that they are pretty much over it. Church is not really for them because it was pretty boring and there were a lot of hypocritical people. That they don't think you need to be a Christian to have a relationship with God.

- 1) What is the Handle that you are discovering in this story?
- 2) What are one or two more questions you would want to ask them to find out more?
- 3) What do they need to hear about Jesus considering their context? What story would you tell them about Jesus, or what point would you make?
- 4) What story would you tell this person about your self? How could you let them know you relate?