

SOW: Season of Witness - Session 4: Profound Conversations

HANDOUT

People want to be listened to, known for who they are, and loved unconditionally.

Colossians 4:2-6

Pray for Witnessing Opportunities

v.2-4 *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”*

Look for divine appointments and be thankful.

Wisdom is Bold

v.5 *“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”*

Wisdom is unto a goal - leading the lost to Jesus.

SURVEY

On a scale of 1 to 10, how competent and confident are you at sharing your faith?

What would help you move up that scale by 1 point?

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The 6 Gears of Conversation

1. Casual Conversation -
2. Meaningful Conversation -
3. Spiritual Conversation -
4. Salvation Conversation -
5. Maturity Conversation -
6. Leadership Conversation -

Casual Conversations

KEY: Listen first

Proverbs 20:5 *"The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out"*

Tips:

Meaningful Conversations

KEY: Be authentic + be interested

Tips:

Leonard Sweet: *"The best things about that person are blessings from God. The worst things about that person are arenas for God's redemption. People are hungry for encouragement and love and need help noticing the presence of the divine in their lives."*

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Spiritual Conversations

KEY: Be bold yet flexible

1 Peter 3:15 *“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

Choose Graciousness

v.6. *“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”*

Tips:

HOMEWORK

As you spend time with your lost friends this week, on at least 3 occasions seek to move up to the next conversational gear.

Think now of some possible people/ scenarios that could be good opportunities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who will hold you accountable for making this shift?