

## “Conversational Opportunities”

### Question 1: Why share the gospel of Jesus?

Because Satan \_\_\_\_\_ people from \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.

<sup>3</sup> *If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing.* <sup>4</sup> *Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.* <sup>5</sup> *You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake.* <sup>6</sup> *For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.*

So people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>17</sup> *I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you* <sup>18</sup> *to open their eyes [metaphor for mental understanding]. Then they can turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, and receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are made holy by faith in me.* Acts 26:17-18, CEB

Because we are in a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ so we must use the gospel \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup> *You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ.* Ephesians 1:13, CEB

<sup>17</sup> *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.* Ephesians 6:17, CEB

Because the Triune God is \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>44</sup> *For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up.* John 6:44, NLT

<sup>32</sup> *And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.* John 12:32, NLT

<sup>8</sup> *And he, when he comes, will make the world conscious of sin, and of righteousness, and of being judged:* John 16:8, Bible in Basic English

### Question 2: What are these conversational opportunities I need to be aware of?

Listen for certain \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ they are making such a statement.

First \_\_\_\_\_ and then they may be willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Statement 1:** “Sometimes I feel lonely, like I have no one.”

**Response:** By faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, you can be a part of God's family. *John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3-5; Hebrews 2:11*

**Statement 2:** “There is so much evil in the world, this is crazy.”

**Response:** “My church teaches that the world is under the power of Satan and by faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, people can be set free from Satan's power.” *Acts 26:17-18;*

**Statement 3:** “I (or someone they know) just can't quit, I know my words and actions hurt others but it's hard to stop.”

**Response:** “My church explains it this way. We all have a sinful nature that controls us and we do what it wants us to do, but through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be set free.” *Romans 7:14-25*

**Statement 4:** “I don't think there is life after death” or “I'm not sure what happens after people die.”

**Response:** “One of the things that gives me hope is that at my church they talk about how those who have faith in Jesus' death and resurrection will have eternal life with God after they die.” *Luke 23:39-43; 2 Corinthians 5:6 & 8*

**Statement 5:** “I don't think God would judge people by sending them to Hell.”

**Response:** “Hell was created for the devil and his demons, but we've all sinned. If we die in our sins we will spend eternity separated from God. God loves us so much that He doesn't want anyone to perish, so those who

have faith in Jesus Christ will not be condemned to Hell.” *Matthew 25:41; John 3:16, 18; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10; 2 Peter 3:9*

**Statement 6:** “Sometimes I wish I could just start life all over again.”

**Response:** “One thing my church teaches is that we can’t be born again physically, but we can be spiritually reborn and those who have faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection can start life all over again with a fresh start.” *John 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17, Titus 3:5*

**Statement 7:** “Sometimes I feel like God can’t hear me or doesn’t listen to me.”

**Response:** “One thing my church teaches is that until we put our faith in Jesus Christ, every human being is separated from God and His enemy because of our sin.” *Romans 5:9-11; Colossians 1:21-22*

**Statement 8:** “I know I’m not perfect, but I do better and more good than other people.”

**Response:** “You’re right. No one is perfect. My church teaches that no one is righteous because of our sin, but by believing Jesus died for our sins and by believing He came back to life on the third day of His death, God makes us righteous.” *Romans 3:9-10; 22-24*

**Statement 9:** “Man, death is so final.”

**Response:** “What I like about my church is that they teach that those who believe Jesus died for their sins and came back to life on the third day of His death, will come back to life again when Jesus returns to earth. These believers will live in their body again, but it will be an immortal body that will never get sick or die again.” *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-53*

### Question 3: How can I share the gospel?

By \_\_\_\_\_ clearly.

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. *Colossians 4:3-6, NIV*

By \_\_\_\_\_ others that they need Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Every Sabbath day he talked with the Jews and Greeks in the synagogue, trying to persuade them to believe in Jesus. *Acts 18:4, NCV*

<sup>23</sup> Paul and the people chose a day for a meeting and on that day many more of the Jews met with Paul at the place he was staying. He spoke to them all day long. Using the law of Moses and the prophets’ writings, he explained the kingdom of God, and he tried to persuade them to believe these things about Jesus. *Acts 28:23, NCV*

Ask people to \_\_\_\_\_ with you and ask them what the verse \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>12</sup> God’s word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all the world can be hidden from God. Everything is clear and lies open before him, and to him we must explain the way we have lived. *Hebrews 4:12-13, NCV*

<sup>37</sup> Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” *Acts 2:37, NLT*

<sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. *Acts 16:14, English Standard Version*

### Question 4: What is the point of today’s message?

I’ll \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and let God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>9</sup> Because if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. *Romans 10:9-10, CEB*