

THE NINE ARTS OF THE SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

The Art of Noticing

1.1 Why Notice?

The first step in developing a relationship with anyone starts with noticing them.

1.2 Are We Paying Attention?

When you intentionally pay attention to people around you, you begin to see them differently.

1.3 What Is Secret Prayer?

When you secretly pray for people around you, you join God's work in their lives, preparing them to be drawn closer to him.

1.4 Are We Genuinely Listening?

When you genuinely listen to someone, you lay the foundation for authentic conversations, because listening communicates that you are interested and that you care.

The Art of Praying

2.1 Why Pray First?

Prayer to God makes sharing about God effective.

2.2 How Can Prayer Move People?

In humility, we can ask God to move in the lives of our spiritually lost friends, and he will answer those prayers.

2.3 How Can Prayer Be Personal & Purposeful?

Intentionally praying for people who are exploring faith is critical to their choosing to follow Jesus.

2.4 How Can We Ask God about People?

When we ask God a few simple questions about people, we can participate in his work as he draws them to himself.

The Art of Listening

3.1 Why Listen?

Listening communicates God's love to people in profoundly real ways and opens up opportunities for

3.2 Why Don't We Really Listen?

We should assume we are not good listeners—because it's usually true.

3.3 What Is Listening?

True listening is giving attention to someone for the purpose of understanding and loving.

3.4 How Can We Really Listen?

High-quality listening is comprised of focus and follow-up skills that can be learned.

The Art of Asking Questions

4.1 Why Ask Questions?

The key to asking good questions is curiosity, which opens the door to meaningful conversations.

4.2 Why Don't We Ask Good Questions?

Self-imposed barriers hinder us from asking good questions that open opportunities for meaningful conversations.

4.3 What Are Good Questions?

Flowing out of genuine interest, good questions draw people out and spur on conversation.

4.4 How Can We Ask Good Questions?

Good questions connect with a person's life story to build strong relational trust.

The Art of Loving

5.1 Why Love?

Because God loves us so extravagantly, we are compelled to express that love to others.

5.2 What Is God's Love Like?

God pursues us intentionally and sacrificially, seeking us out because of his love and deep desire for connection.

5.3 How Can We Truly Love Others?

God's love for us is the source of our love for others.

5.4 How Can We Love People Who Are Hurting?

Love means being there for people who are hurting

The Art of Welcoming

6.1 Why Welcome?

Welcoming connects people into relationship.

6.2 How Can We Overcome Barriers to Welcoming?

We can understand and address barriers that keep us from openly welcoming people who believe differently.

6.3 How Can We Create a Safe Place?

When you open up your heart to someone who believes differently, you become an ally, not an

6.4 How Can We Welcome into Community?

When you create an environment for connection, conversation, and acceptance, your community becomes a safe place where newcomers are welcomed in.

The Art of Facilitating

7.1 Why Facilitate?

People learn best when they discover truths for themselves through a well-facilitated process.

7.2 How Can We Lead with Three?

A triad approach to small group leadership sets everyone up for success.

7.3 How Can We Start a Small Group/Discipleship Group?

When small groups form through prayer, relationships, and compelling invitations, they are likely to change the spiritual lives of the participants.

7.4 How Can We Sustain a Healthy Group?

Guidelines and curriculum, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, can make a tremendous difference in how well a group starts and grows.

The Art of Serving Together

8.1 Why Serve Together?

Serving with spiritual seekers can help them experience God's love and truth in action, deepen relationships, and open up vibrant discussions about life and God.

8.2 Why Don't We Serve Together?

With some helpful antidotes, you can dissolve the obstacles that block your intention of serving together with people who believe differently.

8.3 What Is Serving Together?

Meaningfully serving together with people who believe differently is built on relationships and builds relationships.

8.4 How Can We Maximize Serving Together?

Advance preparation, meaningful engagement, and a reflective debrief will result in a powerful impact as you serve together with people who believe differently.

The Art of Sharing

9.1 Why Share?

Share your faith in Jesus because you genuinely care about people and know that Jesus can meet their deepest need.

9.2 What Are the Barriers to Sharing?

By understanding the common barriers to sharing our faith, we can navigate past them to invite others into a relationship with God.

9.3 How Can We Share Our Story?

The simple story of how Jesus changed your life reveals to others the profound reality of Jesus living in you.

9.4 How Can We Share God's Story?

When we are clear on the essentials of the gospel message, we can share God's story easily with people who want to hear it.