

How Can I Recognize and Respond Graciously and Confidently in Spiritual Conversations?



Kickstarter Question:

How would you describe our role and God's role in "Spiritual Conversations"?

Part 1: Intro Group Discussion

1. Think about your spiritual journey ... what has it been like? Fast? Slow? Simple? Complex?
2. How has God used other people to encourage and inspire you in your journey?
3. Were you ever at a different place on your spiritual journey? How has your response to spiritual things changed over time?

Part 2: Video + Group Learning

In groups, read each passage, then answer the questions.

1. Read Colossians 4:5-6 — "Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone." (NLT)
 - In your own words, what are the two instructions in verse 5?
 - In your own words, what might be a "gracious and attractive" response to non-Christians?
 - What do you think it means to "have the *right* response" to non-Christians?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19, 22-23 — "Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. ... When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings." (NLT)

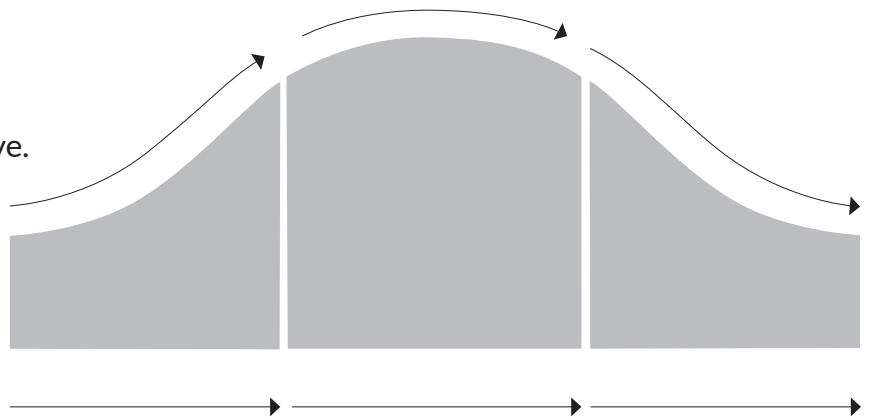
- How does Paul set aside his own self-interest to serve others?
- How might we summarize Paul's approach to spreading the "Good News"?

Part 3: Group Activities

Check for Understanding - Label the Curve.

Take it one spiritual posture at a time—Unreceptive, Receptive, Seeking

Have one person in your group explain that part of the Curve, how each of the parts relate to one another, and how they are helpful to us.



"Who Am I" Tweets

- Each person in the group secretly chooses a spiritual posture and secretly writes a Tweet on a piece of scrap paper that reflects that posture. Be creative to challenge your friends to recognize the spiritual posture.
- When each person is done writing, share with the other group members who try to guess, "Who am I?" ... an Unreceptive, Receptive, or Seeking friend.

Part 4: Discussion/Responses to the SCC

Share your responses, questions, concerns, likes, or dislikes about the Spiritual Conversation Curve.

How might a "spiritual conversation model," like the Curve, with language about spiritual postures be helpful to those of us who want to graciously respond to our non-Christian friends? How might it be unhelpful?

What do we need to keep in mind in order to make sure the SCC remains helpful and not unhelpful?

Optional Discussion Question:

How does social media make it easier or more difficult to graciously engage in Spiritual Conversations?

Lesson 3 Exit Ticket



Exit Tickets give you a chance to share your honest thoughts in a confidential manner with the teacher.

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