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Hijack your own conversation

John 3:1-18

..... **the conversation. John 3:1-2a**

Welcome all conversations as Divine

We are beggars, telling other beggars, where to find

"...at night" Be sensitive. Be respectful. But be clear and personal.

..... **the conversation. John 3:2-3**

..... the conversation. Talk about something worthwhile.

Introduce a spiritual topic.

"Did you know you can't go to Heaven unless..."

..... **the conversation. John 3:3-4**

Expect objections: That doesn't make sense / That's just your opinion / I don't believe that stuff / I'm not into religion / I'm...

v2. What Jesus said before the wall went up.

v4. What Jesus said after the wall went up.

Good listening is silence. Good listening is listening.

Active listening: You have to know everything.

Witness: what you do know.

Begin with, "Jesus said..." or "The Bible says..."

..... **the conversation. John 3:7-11**

Faith is v7

Don't take 'No' for an answer. v9

Encourage, v10. Challenge, v11

eg. "You're smart enough to 'get this'."

..... **the conversation. John 3:12ff**

It's mostly about Honour Him.

Be God is love. God is good.

Either way, there are

Romans 8:29-30. You will be My witnesses, Acts 1:8

My prayer priorities

2nd Val. Joan.

3rd Lorraine. Jim.

4th Deirdre. Lyn.

5th Stuart and Kaye Britton

6th Clarence and Irene.

7th Sue and Bill

8th Robert and Dianne

9th Lurline and Terry. Mary P.

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

1. What are some differences between being a 'good talker' and being a 'good conversationalist'?

2. In your own words, restate what Nicodemus said in v4 and v9.

3. In response to Nicodemus' objection in v4, how did Jesus change His approach? Note the difference between Jesus' words in v3 to v5-7.

4. Jesus used an illustration of saved by faith that Nicodemus would understand in v14 (Moses, Numbers 21). What is a current-day example of using faith in a non-religious setting?

5. Jesus explained the big picture in v16. How does God's love, Jesus' death, and my salvation, go together?

6. We have good news and bad news in v18. Restate the news headlines in your own words. What is the significance of "already"?

7. Why do you think Jesus introduced a spiritual topic in the non-spiritual conversation?

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