

# How to Start a Spiritual Conversation Without a Confrontation

If you are like me, you find it difficult to transition from a conversation about sports, cooking, the weather or any other topic to a spiritual conversation without feeling awkward.

The following questions may be used to take a person's "spiritual temperature" to determine if they are open to hear the gospel.

- 1 May I ask you a personal question?
- 2 On a scale from 1 to 10, how interested are you in spiritual things?
- 3 Do you think there is a heaven and a hell? (use think, not believe)
- 4 If you were to die today, where would you go? (most say heaven)<sup>1</sup>
- 5 What do you think God requires of us to get into heaven? (Good works is the typical)
- 6 If [insert their answer to question 5] won't get you into heaven, would you want to know what would?

If he or she says "Yes" to question 6, you have been given permission to share the gospel. If time is not available, schedule an appointment or give your favorite gospel tract<sup>2</sup> to read later at their leisure.

On the rare occasion that someone says "No" to question 6, your conversation is complete. Thank them for answering your questions. You have avoided a confrontation and they are still open for the next person that God leads to them.

The goal in asking the six questions above is to determine if he or she is open to hearing the gospel. No matter what answers you receive, don't waver from completing all six questions before you begin sharing the gospel.

The six questions may take several minutes to ask because some people provide expanded answers. Let them talk as long as they desire without interrupting. You are earning the right to share by first listening to them. I have enjoyed asking these questions to my servers at restaurants when it seems they aren't too busy and to fellow travelers on airplanes. I have had some great conversations as a result.

Click the link to watch our video on "How to Start a Spiritual Conversation Without a Confrontation." <https://vimeo.com/180921466>

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<sup>1</sup> If the answer is "Hell", ask "Does that concern you?" If the answer is "Yes", you may immediately begin sharing the gospel. If the answer is "No", ask "Would you sell one of your eyes for a million dollars?" He or she will answer "No." Then say, "How much more precious is your life. May I share with you how you can avoid going there?"

<sup>2</sup> Like *Smiles* <http://www.tracts.com/LKSmilesbw.pdf> which may be printed for free