

# Being S.A.L.T.Y. - How to have a conversation about Jesus

- Success equals FAITHFULNESS, not conversions!
- Pray for B.O.B. <u>Burden</u> for the lost, <u>Opportunities</u> to share, <u>Boldness</u> to proclaim Jesus.
- Fly the "Christian flag" <u>early</u>, it won't be weird to bring Him up later.
- Share the GOSPEL, not morality or experience. Make it about Jesus, not secondary issues.
- GOD saves people; WE don't save people.
- Always initiate conversations that are 1) respectful 2) upfront 3) permission-based.
- Always work to <u>FOLLOW-UP</u>; have a plan.

#### S - Start Conversations

There are LOTS of ways to start a spiritual conversation!

- Tabling, Free Stuff/Lunch, Three Questions, Casually talking with classmates, etc.
- Initiative Evangelism "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this is \_\_\_\_\_. We're part of the Christian Challenge on campus and are out today meeting people and asking about their spiritual background. Do you have a minute to talk?" or "We are out inviting people to Free Lunch. Would you like some info?"
- Casual Conversation: "Hey, I've never asked. Are you a spiritual person? Is that something you like to talk about?" or "My weekend was good. I went to church on Sunday, have you ever been to a church before?"

## A - Ask Questions

#### Get to know you questions:

- What's your name, major and year?
- Where are you from?
- What high school did you go to?
  What was it like?
- What are you involved with on campus?

#### Top Questions for Gospel Conversations:

- 1. What is your spiritual background? What did that look like growing up? What does it look like now?
- 2. Do you feel near or far from God right now? Why?
- 3. What does it take to go to heaven? How sure are you, on a percentage that you'll go to heaven?
- 4. What do you live for?
- 5. What do you think causes all the world's problems? Do you think there is one solution that works for everyone?

#### L - Listen to Answers

One of the main ways we show people that we love and care about them is listening and sharing accordingly.

## T - Tell them the Good News about Jesus

- Share your testimony. "There was a time in my life when\_\_\_( 1-2 facts)\_\_, but now because of Jesus \_\_\_\_."
- "Can I share an illustration with you that's helped me know God better? It will only take a 3-4 minutes."
- "Do you know what the Bible says about how to have a relationship with God? Can I share a quick summary with you?"
- "Do you know what Jesus is taught, the central message of the Bible? Could I share a 4-5 minute summary with you?"
- Learn several ways to simply share the Good news but be well prepared to share one presentation.
  - > Three Circles
- Gospel Booklet/Tract
- Personal Testimony
- > Bible Story
- ➤ The Bridge Illustration
- > Many more...

# Y - Yes or No

- Help people diagnose where they stand with God. We always want to ask for a response.
- ALWAYS ask, "what do you think about this? How interested are you (scale 1-10) in having a relationship with Jesus?"