



JESUS CONVERSATIONS

Open Doors Through Trusting Dialogue

Introduction

Jesus Conversations is a simple, welcoming, and non-threatening way to introduce people to the person and wisdom of Jesus. Designed for relational environments—like homes, cafes, or parks—these conversations create space for people to explore life's biggest questions together. They are not Bible studies, debates, or sermons. They are simply conversations—centered around meaningful questions—that gently lead people to consider the voice of God in everyday life.

These unique gatherings are a welcoming entry point to Jesus, inviting participants to explore spiritual truths without pressure, argument, or obligation. Over time, these conversations can awaken curiosity, inspire hope, and spark a desire to know more.

The Flow of a Jesus Conversation

Each Jesus Conversation lasts about an hour and follows a simple rhythm:

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (5-10 minutes)

The host greets everyone and sets a relaxed tone. Light snacks or drinks can help create a comfortable environment. New participants are welcomed without spotlighting them.

2. **Question of the Evening** (10-15 minutes)

The host introduces the evening's question. It should be a question that everyone can relate to—one that touches on identity, purpose, pain, relationships, or hope. Example questions:

- "What gives your life direction and purpose?"
- "How do you handle disappointment?"
- "Where do you find peace in times of stress?"
- "What does forgiveness look like to you?"

3. Open Conversation (20-25 minutes)

Everyone is free to share their perspective. The host encourages respectful listening. Participants can pass or simply observe if they prefer. No one is corrected, challenged, or pressured. This space is about being heard and understood. The host should ask questions, seeking greater depth to others' answers. Everyone should feel like their voice is being welcomed and heard.

4. Scripture Reflection (10-15 minutes)

The host shares a single verse from the Bible that gently speaks to the topic. The goal is not to teach, but to offer an ancient, often surprising perspective that adds depth to the discussion. The host may say something like:

"Here's a verse that speaks to this topic in a way I find meaningful. I'd love to share it with you." Upon reading it, the host can ask, "Has anyone heard this before?" Or "How do you feel when you hear these words?" It is important to give everyone the room to have the chance to respond. If they choose not to, again, that's fine.

5. Wrap-Up (5 minutes)

The host thanks everyone for coming and invites them to return. Participants are welcome to stay and socialize afterward.

The Role of the Host

A good host is not a teacher, preacher, or persuader. Their role is to:

- Pray during their preparation, asking God to be present and give them wisdom
- Create a safe and welcoming space for those participating
- Introduce the question of the evening
- Guide the flow and timing of the conversation
- Ensure respectful dialogue
- Share a single verse from the Bible
- Be available afterward for anyone with deeper questions

Important: The host does not correct, argue, or try to "fix" someone's beliefs. God Conversations are built on respect, trust, and curiosity—not control.

Hosting Tips

- When inviting people to a Jesus Conversation, limit the number to 4-5.
- Keep the setting casual and comfortable.
- Ask open-ended, relevant questions.
- Stay neutral and warm.
- Don't over-explain or preach.
- Let silence be okay. Some people process slowly.
- Avoid Christian jargon.
- Be genuinely curious about others' perspectives.
- Remember: this is a front door, not the whole house.

Next Steps

Over time, some participants may want to go deeper. Be ready to:

- Invite them to coffee for a one-on-one conversation
- Offer to read scripture with them privately
- Point them to Jesus-centered resources
- Pray silently for discernment and opportunity

Jesus Conversations is not an event—it's a lifestyle of planting seeds with love, patience, and trust in God's timing.

"Let your conversation be always full of grace..." – Colossians 4:6