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- Listen for openings to share about your relationship with Jesus.
- Listen for clues about the best way to phrase the Gospel message (word choices, analogies).

Ask

- Ask for permission to share your story and how your life is different because of Jesus. Or, share aspects of your personal relationship with Jesus. Your story is easier to share because it's personal, and people are less likely to argue with your experience. Your story opens the door to more spiritual conversation and potentially to sharing the Gospel message then or later in the relationship.
- Ask for permission to share the Gospel message. Asking for permission shows respect. If the person says yes, he/she is a willing listener. If he/she says no, respect that. Let them know you're always there to continue the conversation when they're ready.
- Ask them gently to stay on subject, on the Gospel message itself, if they try to change the course of the conversation. (i.e., as Jesus did with the woman at the well in John 4)

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Nurture

- Nurture their response. Affirm that questions and objections are normal and can be discussed. Ask clarifying questions to make sure you understand. Thank them for listening to you share this most important part of yourself.
- Nurture the ongoing relationship. Whatever the response, affirm the relationship in a genuine way. Introduce them to other believers to multiply the witness.
- Nurture positive responses with plans to meet again to share more about Jesus.

Trust

- Trust that it's God's mission, God's message, and God's power, not yours!
- Trust that God is working in their heart.

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