

parent equip

BRENTWOOD
families

Gospel Conversations

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the lost and searching—trusting the Holy Spirit with the results.

There are opportunities to have gospel conversations all around us. Prayerfully consider who God has placed in your life and how He can speak through you to share His goodness and love.

FAMILY

Conversations about Jesus with family members are likely some of the most natural, yet unrealized opportunities we have to point to Him. Talk to your seeking or unbelieving children, nieces or nephews, and other extended family members about Jesus and what He is doing in your life.

- During breakfast, read a story from the Jesus Storybook Bible. Discuss what the story reveals about Jesus and ask questions that come to mind.
- At bedtime, ask how you can pray for your child. Describe how God is always listening and that He cares about what's on our hearts.
- When you see extended family, either share something that you're grateful for or describe how God is carrying you through a difficult circumstance.

FRIENDS

We could tend to assume our friends already know what we believe or recognize God at work in our lives, but this is not always the case. It's important to have direct conversations about our experience with God and where we are in our faith journey.

Reach out to check on your friends and openly share what God is doing in your life. Let your friend know they've been on your heart and that you care enough to talk about what matters most.

NEIGHBORS

To love your neighbors, you must know your neighbors. Prayer walk around your community, and ask God for clear opportunities to share Him with those near you.

- Make being outside a priority and introduce yourself to whoever you haven't met yet.
- Stay active on your neighborhood social page and look for ways to be of assistance.
- Host a meal for a family next door or a social for your street to develop friendships that will be a blessing to all.

OUTSIDE YOUR NORMAL CIRCLE

Remember that every person around you is loved by God, and we each have the command and privilege to show love to them. Make sure to slow down and greet everyone you see. Take an interest in them and carefully listen.

- When your cashier or bagger asks how you are, tell them you are grateful for how God has been good in the day. Share a point from Sunday's message or the day's devotion.
- Venture to a new restaurant or coffee shop with the intent to make a new friend. Ask the staff how they are doing and how you can pray for them.
- Volunteer at your local school or serve through a nonprofit, making sure the love in your heart is evident on your face and in how you speak. When people comment, tell them that God is good.

Do these ideas make you feel a little uncomfortable? They should. God hasn't called us into what is easy, but He will never lead us there alone. Remember, you have God's Spirit inside of you.

Trust Him for the words as you talk about what He is doing and has done in your life and enjoy sharing your greatest gift with those around you.