



Session 3

30th October 2011

JUST START TALKING - 3. How to make the most of every opportunity (Colossians 4: 2 - 6)

I. PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS

- only God makes things grow (v 7)
- we are links in a chain (v 8)
- antidote to both pride and despair

2. SEASON YOUR CONVERSATION

- well built (v 12)
- in the light of the Day (v 13)
- Jesus Christ is the only foundation (v 11)

Summary of ways to improve your story

- keep the focus on Jesus, not you. Give the glory to God for his work in you.
- keep it natural and normal.
- don't use Christian jargon. Use ordinary words instead.
- you can't say everything in 45-60 seconds. Instead, try to show how Jesus is the answer to your life's greatest need - forgiveness. And show that knowing him is the best thing that has ever happened to you.
- maybe start your story with a simple summary statement of why you are a Christian, followed by a short explanation of how you came to that understanding.
- try ending your story with a question, to carry the conversation forward. Don't push it if the other person is not interested though.

Just Start Talking

Discussion 1: *What were some of the confidence boosters in the video? Any questions from last week?*

Discussion 2: *Recap last week [How would you tell your story (about why you believe in / follow Jesus) in under a minute?] How could you improve on your story?*

Pray: Thank God for what he has done in the past week. Ask for opportunities to talk about Jesus next week. Pray for courage to take them.

Homework: *Work on your story during the week.*