

- This approach depends on God for the opportunities, not contrived interactions. Therefore there is a strong dependence on prayer, watching for and taking advantage of opportunities for spiritual discussion, rather than initiating.
- The goal is NOT to give someone a message. Rather we look for and provide “bubbles” that can be ignored or pursued by the person we are relating to.
- The conversations must be natural, not manipulative, occurring in comfortable spaces. We are looking for ways that “heaven overlaps with the earth.”
- The strength of this approach is the development of the social space (see “The Search to Belong” file) with stories of God working through us to make an impact.
- We listen and respond to the spiritual space of our conversation partner (missional).

Support

Support: Meet with another Christian person or couple that you connect with socially. Each of you talk about the people in your lives for whom you have a spiritual concern and with whom you have an ongoing relationship – coworkers, relatives, neighbors, etc. Pray with each other and commit to ongoing prayer for each other that God will give opportunity for significant interaction with those people that you relate to on an ongoing basis.

Intentionality

Intentionality: Look for the opportunities that God gives when people make comments or provide “bubbles” indicating spiritual beliefs, interests, concerns.

Significant Conversations

Significant Conversations: When people initiate conversations dealing with spiritual concerns, explore the reasons for their concerns and relate a relevant part of your Christ-centered story when the person asks.

Impact

Impact: Communicate these stories to the ones who prayed for you of how God provided opportunity so that you could make a difference in another person's life. Look and pray for further opportunities to make an impact. Brainstorm ways to overcome any difficulties, awkwardness or uncertainties.

Assumptions

- This approach assumes that people are on a spiritual journey and our responsibility is to make the experiences of our journey relevant to them.
- Jesus must be real and relevant to our lives in order for us to have a Christ-centered story.
- Disciples of Christ do not need or want some evangelistic methodology or program to participate in. Rather they want and need a way to find encouragement and support from the body of Christ as they seek to relate relevantly and significantly to the people in their lives.
- We can help each other find natural and comfortable segues leading to deeper, spiritual levels of conversation.