

Purpose

- Provide a detailed analysis for each role we play in pre-evangelism.
- Examine guidelines for how to fulfill each role.
- Consider questions and thoughts about how to play each role.

How to be a Musician



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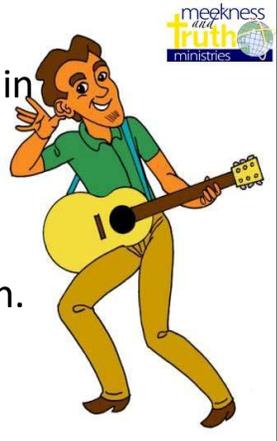
Start the Conversation

God → Me ← The Lost

A hand is shown writing the word "Me" in a box, with arrows pointing from "God" and "The Lost" to it.

Musician - Description

- Listen carefully to determine their views.
- Learn their story (where they are in their spiritual journey).
- Hear the sour notes people are “singing” to us in the conversation.
- Seek clarification.



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Ask Yourself:



- What do they believe?
- What worldview do they hold?
- What do their hearts long for that Jesus can provide?
- What are the inconsistencies in their belief system?

Ask Them:



- I think I understand. What you are saying is.... Is this right?

Types of Inconsistencies



- **Belief vs. Heart Longing**
 - They believe one thing but their heart longs for something else.
- **Belief vs. Behavior**
 - They believe one thing but the way they live or behave is different from what they believe.
- **Belief vs. Belief**
 - They hold two or more beliefs that contradict each other in some way.
- **Illogical Belief**
 - Their belief is self-contradictory and unmeaningful.

Types of Inconsistencies Demonstrated



- A millennial may claim to value all faiths yet try to make Christian ideas illegal.
- College students claim that no one can tell another culture they are wrong, but wants to claim Hitler was wrong for killing Jews.
- An atheist/freethinker believes that God does not exist. Yet they have difficulty living their life without believing in non-material things such as truth, love, and beauty.
- An extreme postmodernist believes that there are absolutely no absolutes (there is no meta-story)

Plan of Engagement



- What one “sour note” should I focus on in my conversation with this person?

How to be an Artist



Start the Conversation



Help People See the Truth for Themselves

- Ask questions that clarify beliefs.
- Ask questions that surface their uncertainties.
- Ask questions that expose false beliefs.



Ask Yourself:

- What terms do I need to clarify?
- How exactly should I phrase my questions?
- Am I staying true to the 3 Ds?
 - Surface **doubt** (uncertainty)
 - Minimize **defensiveness**
 - Creating a **desire** (curiosity)
- Is this a major or minor inconsistency?

Ask Them:



- What do you mean you say you're an _____?
- What influenced you to become a _____?
- How is it possible for all religions to be the same when some of them contradict each other?
- How can Jesus be merely a man when He lived a sinless life, fulfilled prophecy, and gave evidence for his resurrection from the dead?

Ask Them:



- I am curious, why do you need Jesus to save you if you can measure up?
- How do you fit Jesus into your religious belief?
- I am curious, how do you fit in your thinking both _____ and _____?
- Can you think of any natural way to explain the fact of the empty tomb and yet believe that Jesus was just a man, as many claimed?

Plan of Engagement



- Trying to lead to a crisis of belief but keep the 3 D's in mind.
- The best questions lead to more conversation(s).

How to be an Archeologist



Start the Conversation



Description

- Uncover the real barriers to the Gospel.
- Dig up their history and find out how they came to be where they are in their beliefs.
- Must sort through the various smoke screens you raise as an artist to get to the real issue.



Your Goal: Find out

- If what they are telling you is a legitimate concern.
- The nature of the barrier.
- Emotional baggage.
- Questions or other issues.
- The biggest barrier to the gospel.
- What would motivate them to get answers?
- What is their volitional barrier?

Uncovering Questions:



- So what you are saying is?
- If you could know the truth about religious issues, would you want to know it?
- If I could answer your question in a way that would make sense to you, would that help you to more seriously consider a belief in God and Christianity?
- Out of all your questions, what is the one question that is right now keeping you from accepting Christianity?

How to be an Builder



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Description

- Build a positive case for Christ and look for opportunities to invite them to trust Him.

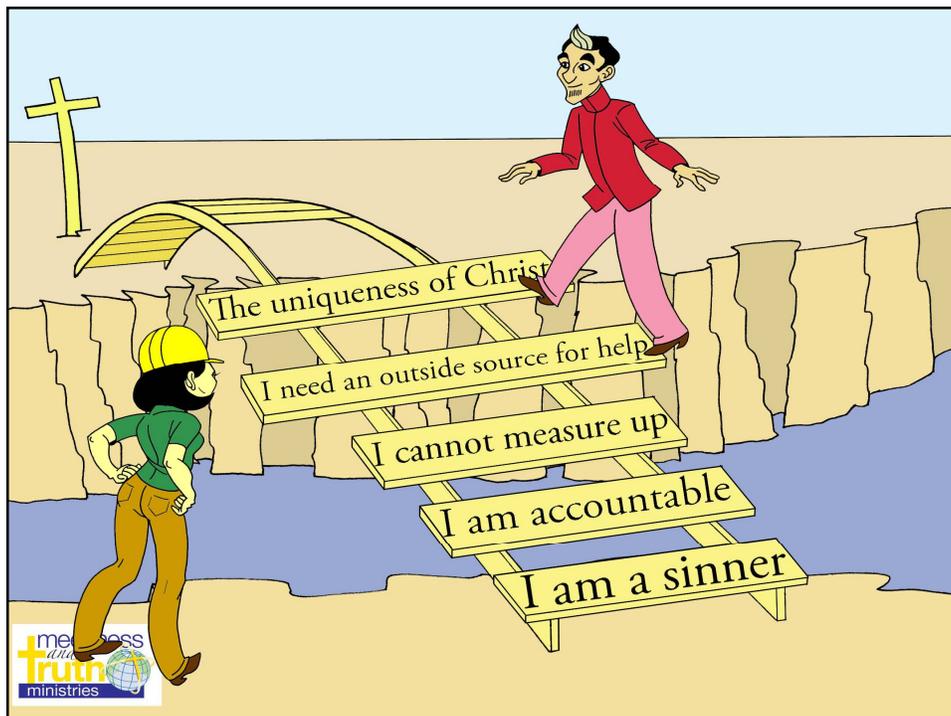


Ask Yourself:

1. **Find Balance:** What is the right balance in your approach (evidence vs. experience)?
2. **Find Common Ground:** Where can you find common ground in your discussion? (Where do your beliefs intersect)
3. **Construct a Bridge:** What is your strategy for building a bridge that uses planks of common understanding?

Planks to the Gospel

- A. I am a sinner. – “It’s not just the evil in others that concerns me, it’s the evil in myself.”
- B. I am accountable – “if we were created then wouldn’t we be accountable to Him?”
- C. I cannot measure up – “We don’t even measure up to our own standards.”
- D. I need an outside source of help – “There is nothing I can do. I can’t do good for others to fix what was done to God.”
- E. The uniqueness of Christ.



Ask Yourself:



4. **Apologetics as Needed:** Memorize a basic outline for defending Christianity.
5. **Remember the Goal:** What do you need to keep in mind in building your bridge and yet not lose sight of the goal?
6. **Transition:** What types of conversations would lead to open doors to transition to share the gospel?

Example Bridge-Building Questions with Millennials



- Heart bridge
 - “Did you know that Jesus said the primary way people would identify a Christian is their love for one another?”
 - “A repeated theme in the NT is that believers should bear one another’s burdens, not simply ‘think positive thoughts’ about each other or simply ‘raise awareness’ for issues. Christians are to ‘do something’ about issues.”
 - “Jesus was the original social justice warrior.”

Example Bridge-Building Questions with Millennials



• Heart Bridges

- “You know that Jesus was so offended by poor oppression, he turned over tables and beat the money changers out of the temple?”
- “Are you aware that from the beginning of the OT to the end of the NT that believers are commanded by God to help those who cannot help themselves like widows and orphans?”
- “The unity of the body of Christs was the original diversity movement.”

Example Bridge-Building Questions with Millennials



• Head Bridges

- “What is ‘justice’?”
- “The OT law of ‘an eye for an eye,’ was actually designed to prevent the abusing those who where guilty and must pay for their crimes.”
- “What do you think the best way is to change the world, legislation or changing the hearts of the people?”
- “Jesus claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. How can a person live the correct way if there is no truth and no objectively good life?”

Example Bridge-Building Questions with Millennials



- Head Bridges

- “If God is real, don’t you think he would have told us how to live the best life possible?”
- “If you think the world should be different, where do you get this idea of ‘should’? And what standard are you using?”
- “If there is no objective truth, how can you say that any crime at all is actually, in itself, wrong?”

Explain the Gospel

Start the Conversation

