

Gospel Conversations: The Miracle Question

By Thad Williams, Missions and Community Engagement Pastor

If you were to die right now, would you go to heaven or hell?

That's not the most subtle of ways to begin a gospel conversation. Perhaps you have heard this question used in evangelism. While it is a powerful, thought-provoking question, it can also freak people out.

Sharing the gospel with others can sometimes feel a little awkward. We might allow fear to get in the way, or we don't know where to begin. Although starting gospel conversations may not be easy, it's actually pretty simple.

Miracle Question

One of the simplest ways to insert Jesus into a conversation is by using the Miracle Question:

"If God could do a miracle in your life today, what would that be?"

The Miracle Question causes people to stop and think and share about needs or struggles they have in their lives, such as job loss, illness, marital problems, addiction, and the list goes on. This opens the door for ministry and the gospel.

3x3 Testimony

So, after we ask the Miracle Question, what do we do next? We ask if we can pray for that need right then and there. It is easy for us to say we will pray for someone. But if we are honest, we usually forget. When we pray for someone on the spot, it shows the other person that we truly care. Furthermore, when someone allows us to pray for them, it shows that they are open to a gospel conversation. There is no need for a long, drawn-out prayer with fancy words. Simply pray for the specific need that they shared with you. After closing the prayer (*in the name of Jesus, amen*), follow up with your 3x3 testimony:

1) *"You know, we just prayed to Jesus, and there was a time in my life when..."*

2) *"Then I met Jesus, and I made Him the Savior and Lord of my life..."*

3) *"Now my life is..."*

"Do you have a story like that?"

To learn more about sharing your 3x3 testimony, check out our previous blog post here (insert link).

To be sure, evangelism is most effective in the context of relationships. But the Miracle Question can be used when you are talking to a complete stranger. It is amazing how God orchestrates "divine appointments" when we meet someone who is going through something that we have experienced in our own lives, giving us the opportunity to share our testimony and the redeeming love of Christ.

Application

Pray and ask God to give you the opportunity to have a gospel conversation this week. Be prepared by practicing your 3x3 testimony. Use awareness and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting when that opportunity arises. Remember, it is the Spirit that does work of convicting and opening the hearts of others to hear and receive the gospel. When the Spirit leads, try using the Miracle Question to turn a normal conversation into a gospel conversation. Don't force it! Sometimes our role is to plant the seed of the gospel (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). We are simply called to be obedient to what Christ has commanded us to do. Trust in God's promises and leave the results to Him.