

## I'm Glad You Asked: How do I have meaningful conversations?

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

How do I have meaningful conversations with those who believe differently than me?

1. **Realize we are in a \_\_\_\_\_ battle, not a \_\_\_\_\_ war.** (Ephesians 6:12 NLT)

"If you could put a picture of your enemy on your fridge—that's not your enemy."  
– Preston Ulmer

"I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." – Gandhi

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **to the long road of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 Corinthians 13:1-7 NLT)

Lead with love and allow the Holy Spirit to bring the change of heart.  
(Mark 10:17-27 NLT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **to be \_\_\_\_\_ with my faith instead of combative with it.** (Colossians 4:5-6 NLT)

"Jesus had a way of holding ground for those who would be considered doubters and skeptics. **He was persuasive, not argumentative. Curious, not critical. Careful, not crushing. Asked, but didn't assume. Connected before he corrected.** Jesus was not the loudest proclaimer of what he believed to be true, but he was the busiest doer of what he knew to be love." – Preston Ulmer

Jesus didn't call us to prove the truth of the Gospel, but to create a hunger in people so they hope it's true.

- Seek to understand before being understood.
- Be okay with not having all of the answers.
- Walk alongside them as they journey through their doubts.
- Commit to praying with them and for them.

Philippians 4:5 (MSG) Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!