

TURN Acrostic

How to Turn a Conversation towards Spiritual Things

T – Talk about anything!

This is surface level conversation and can literally be about anything – weather, tv, movies, sports, politics, something funny you just saw happen! It opens the door to the conversation. The goal here is to initiate natural conversation.

U – Understand them

This is personal conversation. Talk about THEM, because they are their favorite subject! Ask questions about family, school, classes, major, home, interests, hobbies, experiences, etc. The goal is to get to know them better and to find common ground to relate on.

R – Religious questions

This is spiritual conversation. The goal is to bring up spiritual topics or ask spiritual questions to see how they respond. If you do this after talking about their interests it feels like a natural part of the conversation and getting to know them. Ask about spiritual background, or church background, or if they ever think about spiritual things. (If they respond negatively or seem uninterested, retreat to step two...if they respond positively and seem interested, proceed to step 4).

N – Need for Christ

This is gospel conversation. The goal here is to introduce them to the gospel – not to explain the gospel in detail. If they seem favorable towards discussing spiritual things, share a little about your experience and testimony and how you saw your need for Christ. Give it in doses – don't dominate the conversation, but share enough to pique their interest. After talking about how they thought church was boring and confining you might say, "I thought the same thing until someone showed me what Christianity really is in the Bible. You might be surprised by what it says!"

If they seem really interested ask if you can share a diagram or a verse with them. (If they respond negatively or seem uninterested, retreat to step three or two).