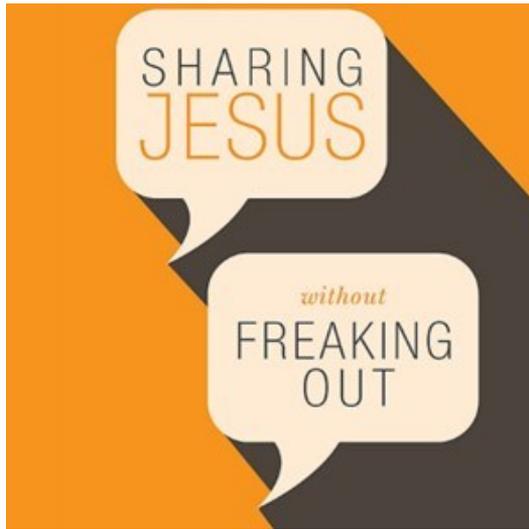


## THE EIGHT-WEEK CHALLENGE



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### Week 3

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*Principle #3: Gospel conversations are better for everyone.*

#### Scriptures for Meditation

*“Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus and said: ‘People of Athens! I see that you are extremely religious in every respect. For as I was passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed: “To an Unknown God.” Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it—he is Lord of heaven and earth—does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.’” (Acts 17:22-25)*

*“Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.” (Col 4:5-6)*

#### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Is there somewhere you like to meet people for conversation? Coffee shop? Restaurant? Breakroom? Park? Lake? Or do you enjoy talking with others during an activity such as fishing, hunting, gardening, or playing games?

2. Have you ever introduced to each other two people you care about? Did you hope they would date? Become friends? Learn something from each other? How did the introductions make you feel? Were you nervous or uncomfortable, did you enjoy it?
3. What are three things people can tell about us from our conversations? Pay attention to your conversations this week and see what you can learn about the people you are talking with. Do they care about you? How can you tell if they believe what they are talking about?
4. Now consider this: What do your interactions and conversations say to others about whether you really care for them?
5. Over the next week, pay special attention to the things people say in your presence and what they post on their social media accounts. How often do others mention things that cause them pain or bring them pleasure? See if you can identify what others are hopeful for, afraid of, hurting from, or dreaming about. Keep a running list of examples and consider how the gospel might speak to those areas of life.
6. At least one time this week, try to connect the gospel to a specific situation in the life of someone else.
7. How many opportunities can you identify this week to share Jesus through everyday conversation with others?
8. *Who's Your One?* Make time this week to have a conversation with *your one*.

## Topics for Prayer

1. For God to give you clear opportunities to connect with others through everyday conversations.
2. For God to help you continue to develop as an evangelist.
3. For God to guide you to connect on a spiritual level with at least one unbeliever (at work, at school, in your family, or in your neighborhood) with whom you share a long-term relationship.

*God, I know you love people. Give me an opportunity today to help someone see your love for them and hear how they can enjoy your work in Jesus Christ. Give me the boldness to talk with them about Jesus.*