

6. Six benefits of a conversational approach

Twenty-minute discussion

HOOK:

- Who do you consider to be a great conversationalist?
- What makes a person a great conversationalist?

BOOK: The teacher of the law – Luke 10.25-28

- Why do you think Jesus replied with a question instead of simply answering the question?
- At verse 28, do you think Jesus really was complimenting this man? Do you think Jesus considered the teacher of the law to have found the truth? Or, is it possible that Jesus' statement 'Do this and you will live' was 'social banter' – a provocative statement that was maybe even said with a slight smile, with the intent of opening the conversation further? Did it achieve its goal?

LOOK:

- How many of the six benefits of a conversational approach can you remember? Explain each benefit as you recall it.
- What is the end goal of this conversational approach from a Christian witness point of view as stated in the video?

TOOK:

- Play the question game, maybe starting with two people demonstrating it. (Two people have a conversation in which every question must be somehow replied with another question – and make sense. A person is out the moment they make a statement. How long can you keep it going?)
- Try to have a few conversations this week (on any topic) where you try to ask questions to get the other person to talking, then listening carefully to show you care. The key to great conversations is great questions!

Pray:

- ...for willing hearts to give selfless attention to others through asking thoughtful questions.
- ...for God to lead you to people who would be blessed by some encouragement, and a listening ear.