

9. The benefits and use of knowledge

Twenty-minute discussion

HOOK:

- What is your worst experience with a tele-marketer (telephone marketer)?
- If a tele-marketer calls you on your home phone and tries, with many words, to persuade you of the benefits of their product, does this approach work with you?
- Have you ever been involved in, or seen a conversation where a Christian tried to debate with a non-Christian about their belief? What happened? Do you think this was a positive or negative experience for the non-Christian, and why?

LOOK:

- What is the point of this session?
- What is intended by the phrase 'conversation is the new apologetic'? In what way is it suggested that our methods need to change? Do you agree?

BOOK: Luke 6.1-11 – Breaking the Sabbath

- To answer these seemingly fair accusations, what did Jesus need to know?
- How did Jesus know these things? Do you think God 'downloaded' knowledge, or might He have had to learn things and reflect upon them just like we do?

TOOK:

- Jesus was thoughtful. Is it fair to suggest that God might like us to be thoughtful regarding our faith also?
- Make a list as a group of the key questions you think people have regarding the Christian faith.
- Discuss as a group how you could successfully equip yourselves to be able to provide simple and sound answers to each one of these questions by the end of the next six months. Put a plan into place, and then do it.

Pray:

- ...for God's help in stirring love in you for those without Christ such that you could be motivated to learn.