



TALK IT OVER

Making It Personal

BOTTOM LINE

A viral faith starts when Christ is first and you make it personal.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is a song that went viral or at least was extremely popular when you were a teenager? Who was the artist?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- What did you hear?
- What do you think?
- What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- A short video on [how to share your faith](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it! 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 MSG

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander 1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV

“If people do not accept us, they won't accept Christ.” – Dwight Mason

“Effectiveness of communication relies more on the character of the messenger than on the content of the message.” – Dwight Mason

“Credibility is the currency for making disciples.” – Dwight Mason

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Discipleship is helping people learn of Jesus, believe in Jesus, and obey Jesus. Who did that for you? What have you learned about discipleship in the last weeks? How can you take this general command of Jesus and make it personal? Jesus says that we are intimately linked with Him in the process. He said that people accept us before they accept Him. Who we ARE is our message. How does that speak to you? What makes it difficult to put Christ first? Where do you battle compromise and complacency? If you were asked, “Why do you live as you do? What gives you hope in this broken world?” How would you answer? Connect instead of correct. What comes most naturally to you—connecting or correcting? How can a person develop their connection skills? Gentleness and respect are essential for credibility and connection. How have you experienced positive connections to Jesus in these ways? What efforts are you making to love others as Jesus has loved you and connect in the process?

ACTION STEP

As I make Christ first and pray to love others to Him, I will prepare to explain my life. I will carefully think through why I live the way I do and the reason I have hope in a broken world and prepare my brief testimony by September 1.