

**Conversation is natural.**

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**Conversation is resourceful.**

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**“When two people have a conversation, they act as proxies for the many ideas in their heads which are drawn from the many things they have read. In effect, a conversation is a many-to-many interaction that is both mediated and moderated by the participants. The individuals catalog, sort, tag, and filter ideas as they are drawn into the shared space of the conversation.” —Paul Hartzog**

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**Conversation is influential.**

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**Evangelism is the purpose of God accomplished through His people based on the work of Christ and in cooperation with the movement of the Holy Spirit.**

**Conversation is powerful.**

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**<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.**

**<sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”**

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**<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**

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**<sup>7</sup>“Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

**—John 3:1-8 ESV**

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**As Jesus spoke with Nicodemus...**

**He presented an unconventional answer.**

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**He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.**

**—Ecclesiastes 3:11 ESV**

**The secret to life is not in this life.**

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As Jesus spoke with Nicodemus...

He described a supernatural solution.

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**“born again” = regeneration**

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**<sup>6</sup>“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” —John 3:6-7 ESV**

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**“...an instantaneous, unrepeatable, mysterious act of God in which He changes a lost sinner’s heart.” —David Platt**

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As Jesus spoke with Nicodemus...

He issued a personal challenge.

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**<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.**

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**<sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

**—John 3:9-15 ESV**

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**“I determined that as I loved Christ, and as Christ loved souls, I would press Christ on the individual soul, so that none who were in the proper sphere of my individual responsibility or influence should lack opportunity of meeting the question whether or not they would individually trust and follow Christ.”**

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**“The resolve I made was, that whenever I was in such intimacy with a soul as to be justified in choosing my subject of conversation, the theme of themes should have prominence between us, so that I might learn his need, and, if possible, meet it.” —Henry Clay Trumbull**

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**Evangelism is the purpose of God accomplished through His people based on the work of Christ and in cooperation with the movement of the Holy Spirit.**

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**<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

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**<sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. —John 3:16-19 ESV**

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**There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
—Romans 8:1 ESV**

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**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has passed away; behold,  
the new has come. —2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV**

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