

LISTENING FOR GOD-QUESTIONS

GOD QUESTIONS	WHAT THAT MIGHT SOUND LIKE	SOMETHING YOU MIGHT SAY AFTER LISTENING AND EMPATHY	SOURCE OF THE ANSWER
1. Is anyone in control? How can I and my loved ones be safe?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I just got laid off • My daughter has breast-cancer • This nation is going crazy 	What if there was Someone who had everything figured out and made sure everything went according to a good plan?	Romans 8:28
2. Do I matter? Am I loved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I haven't heard from my kids in a long time • I don't have any plans for Christmas 	What would it be like to know that you are loved by Someone unconditionally, and that that love would never end?	1 John 3:1
3. What's the point? Why am I here?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is a hassle • I can't wait for the weekend 	What if the point was to be loved? What if the point of life was to live in wonder?	Isaiah 43:7 1 John 4:9
4. Can I get a do-over? Can I leave the past behind?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't want to talk about it • I don't think that anything can be done about _____. 	What would it be like to know that every regret can be erased, as if it never existed?	Heb 8:12
5. What is truth?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm tired of all the arguing • How do you know? • Who do you believe? 	What if there was one voice that spoke truth in such a way that all the chaos and mess started to make sense?	John 14:6

A SUGGESTED FIRST CONVERSATION

1. Listen for their God question
2. Empathy/reflect/acknowledge
3. More empathy/reflection/acknowledge (resist explaining)
4. A small drop of gospel related to their question. 1 or 2 short sentences
5. Patiently allow for time to absorb (could be minutes or months)
6. If resistance, then don't push. Acknowledge the difficulty
7. If questions, provide short answers with humility