



CoJourners Training Series : Level 1

Week 3: Exploring

Purpose:

To sharpen your skills at discovering where your friends and acquaintances are in their spiritual journey.

Preparation:

1. Download the set of four "Explorer" cards.
2. Print out enough copies for everyone in the group

Plan: This week you will only cover the card "Power Tools."

1. **Read the beginning paragraph of this card.**
2. **Discuss the first two questions under "discuss":**
 - What questions do you like to use to discover where a person is spiritually?
 - How do you think most people would respond to each of the following questions? Only ask questions 1,2,3, and 8 under this second question only.
3. **Action Plan:**
 1. As a group, choose a question that each group member will ask of a number of friends and classmates this week. Decide how many people you want to ask this questions.
 2. Read through each of the 4 "Explorer" cards once this week during your personal devotional time.
 3. Keep a log of the responses you get to the question you ask your friends.

Next Week: Your group will spend the first of two weeks be equipped in the "Guide" role. You will learn some skills to effectively share the gospel message with friends and acquaintances.

Power Tools

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1 Listening can reveal many insights into a person's spiritual journey. But through questions, you can discover so much more. Questions can guide conversations to deeper levels and into desired topics. Most conversations remain at a surface level. Questions have the power to take a conversation below the surface.

2 *Discuss*

- What questions do you like to use to discover where a person is spiritually?
- How do you think most people would respond to each of the following questions?
 1. What was your religious background as a child?
 2. What words would you use to describe your life spiritually?
 3. Do you have a spiritual belief of any kind?
 4. What don't you believe?

5. Have you ever experienced God? If so, how?
 6. Has anything dramatic happened that has convinced you that God is real?
 7. Is there a heaven and a hell?
 - 2b** If you were to die tonight, how sure are you that you would have eternal life? Why?
 9. What barriers keep you from trusting God?
- Brainstorm more good questions.

3 *Action Plan*

Choose a question to ask a number of acquaintances this week. Conversationally explore their answers with other questions. Journal your conversations to share and discuss at your next small group meeting.

Summary

Questions are the power tool to explore others' lives.