

Conversation Starters

- In general, is it hard, or easy for you to strike up a conversation with other people?
- How often do you talk about your faith?

Discuss

Communicating personal faith is a very important aspect of life, but does not always come easy, even within family. To even begin sharing your faith it must be true in your own life, and in marriage. Beyond physical, intellectual, and emotional attraction, the spiritual aspect of a relationship is where true depth and connection happens.

"'Haven't you read,' [Jesus] replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator "made them male and female" and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?" So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.'" (Matthew 19:4-6, NIV)

- How would you describe your spiritual life?
- How would you describe the spiritual life in your marriage or significant other?
- If your faith is not shared in a relationship, how are you responding? How should you be?

Sharing your faith with kids can be challenging. Ultimately, they need to decide for themselves where they choose to put their faith, but parents do have a responsibility to lead them. Inherently, kids are immature and need parental maturity to guide them, and it is especially important when it comes to faith because it is the most important decision we can ever make.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6: 6-9; NIV)

- Is your faith about personal taste or transcendent truth?
- What is most important to you when it comes to children?
- What can you be doing to lead and share faith with children?

As a child ages, parents have changing roles when it comes to being intentional about sharing their faith with their child. Whether it is indoctrinating, educating, or navigating, it all takes intentionality. It takes work. It will not happen on its own.

- What is your vision for family?
- How does faith play into it?
- How are you being intentional about seeing that vision through?

Next Steps

Sharing our faith with others is essential in the Christian life. Jesus lived a life calling people into relationship with him and to share him with the rest of the world. Sharing our faith with our family is the most important thing we can do for them. How will you share your faith with your family?

If you have children, check out these Meck Institute classes for kids:

Grapple: Salvation – The Great Escape

Every Monday, from 03/04/2019 to 03/18/2019, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Location: North Charlotte Campus, 8335 Browne Road Charlotte, Charlotte, NC US 28269

Registration: <https://www.mecklenburg.org/event/1312012-2019-03-18-grapple-salvation-the-great-escape-meck-institute-for-kids-march/>

Cold-Case Christianity

Every Monday, from 03/04/2019 to 03/18/2019, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Location: North Charlotte Campus, 8335 Browne Road Charlotte, Charlotte, NC US 28269

Registration: <https://www.mecklenburg.org/event/1312016-2019-03-18-cold-case-christianity-meck-institute-for-kids-march/>

Power Praying

Every Monday, from 03/04/2019 to 03/18/2019, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Location: North Charlotte Campus, 8335 Browne Road Charlotte, Charlotte, NC US 28269

Registration: <https://www.mecklenburg.org/event/1312017-2019-03-18-power-praying-meck-institute-for-kids-march/>

Light It Up

Every Monday, from 03/04/2019 to 03/18/2019, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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Further Reflection

See Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Peter 3:2; Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

Pray

God, thank you for wanting and providing a way to be in relationship with you. Thank you for Jesus and the life he lived. Thank you for your Word and instruction on how we should live. Help us to share our faith with others, especially our family. And as our families change with time, help us to navigate and keep our focus on doing every aspect of them with your leadership.