

Conversation Starters

- Can you specifically name the people you regularly have around you (think family, neighbors, work, friends, etc.)?
- In what ways do you have an impact on those people?

Discuss

90% of all Christians in America will never share their faith with anyone in their lifetime.

- How do you feel about that statistic?
- Do you have a hard time sharing your faith? Why do you think that is?
- What are some common barriers to sharing your faith? How does culture affect this?

Heaven and hell are real places, and real people go there. In Luke 16:19-28, Jesus talked about the reality of them through the story of a rich man and a beggar named Lazarus.

- When you think of your faith, do you think about it in light of this reality?
- Think if you were the rich man...how would this change your life?

In Luke 15:1, Jesus is criticized for having conversations with “sinners” and then follows with three straight parables about something that was lost, and how nothing mattered more than finding what was lost. This was important to Jesus, as evidenced by his actions during his lifetime.

- Have you ever lost something that mattered deeply to you?
- What did or would you do if you had lost something like that?
- What steps can we take to orient our life around this singular mission that Jesus had?
- What would your daily/weekly routine look like if it was centered on this mission?

Next Steps

As Christians, we have been commissioned to share the Gospel with everyone. As one atheist put it, “How much would you have to hate someone not to tell them about it?” Make a list of the people around you that don’t have a relationship with Christ. Pray for them. Think about how you could share Christ with them or invite them to Meck.

Pray

Father, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for loving us so much that you made a plan to restore our relationship with you. And thank you for making it so clear that we matter to you. Help us to take hold of this reality; that heaven and hell exist and that the people around us are going to one or the other. Help us to engage with the people around us about our faith in you.