

# Meaningful Dialogue: Talking To Others About God



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## I. Small Talk

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## II. The Emmaus Encounter

Luke 24:13-27

Engaging

v. 13-17

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Escalating

v. 18-24

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Explaining

v. 25-27

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## III. Real Talk

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## Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

*Superficial discussions are a normal part of life. In a typical day, you probably chat with at least a few strangers about topics both varied and mundane. Small talk is useful because it fills moments in life that would otherwise be emotionally sterile and socially awkward. As beneficial as it can be, small talk is however no substitute for substantive, meaningful discussion.*

*The Lord created people to be in community with Him and with one another. Communities are built on relationships and relationships are built through interaction. The depth and quality of our interactions is of paramount importance. Meaningful dialogue is necessary for the forming and sustaining of healthy relationships and it is the avenue upon which the Great Commission travels.*

*Meaningful dialogue provides a forum in which worldview formation can occur and where the Gospel can be proclaimed. Followers of Christ should be motivated and enthusiastic about escalating small talk conversations into deeper discussions about life, God, and eternity.*

*Do you tactfully and lovingly seek out ways to draw others into serious contemplation and discussion about the most important truths in life? Are you willing to patiently listen and consider the perspectives and circumstances of others in order that you may earn the right to be heard as well? Do you have a desire to lead others into a saving relationship with Christ?*

*Prayerfully consider your commitment to being an ambassador of Christ to the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the opportunities He gives to transcend small talk with others and engage in meaningful and potentially life-changing discussion.*