

Casual - Meaningful - Spiritual

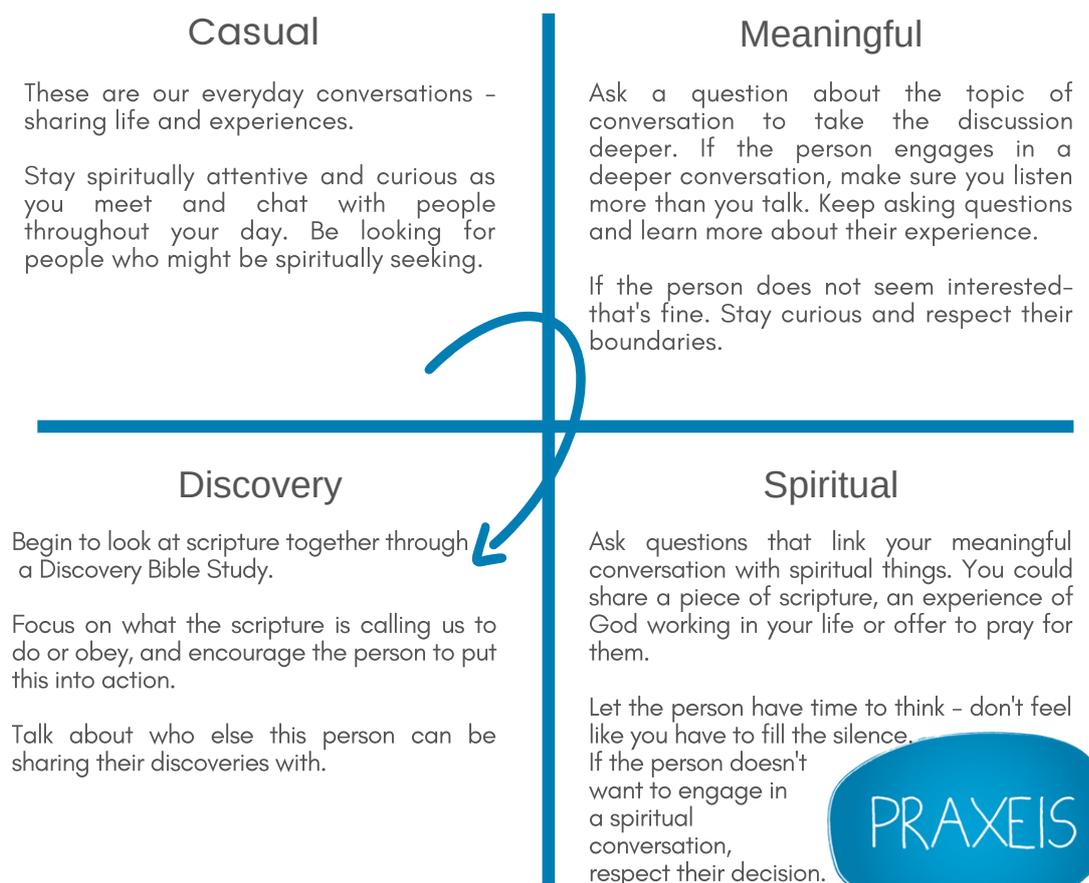
An important aspect of making disciples is finding them in the first place! We are often good at 'casual' or 'shallow' chit-chat but our challenge is to take these conversations from the casual to meaningful, to spiritual that leads to discovery. This can be daunting but if you approach your interactions with spiritual intent and genuine interest, you might meet a person who is spiritually seeking.

A good example of this is in found in John 4:4-26, when Jesus encounters the woman at the well. Here we see Jesus take the conversation with the woman from casual (needing a drink of water), to meaningful (talking about living water), to spiritual (springs of water welling up to eternal life). In each transition, Jesus used a statement or question to see if the woman was open to going deeper.

These statements led the woman to discover the truth of Jesus - rather than Jesus telling the woman who he was and why she should follow him. This helped the woman (and people today) to own the spiritual truths and respond with obedience, rather than simply receiving knowledge.

Remember it is God's role to prepare people's hearts to hear and respond to him - it is simply our role to seek out people God is preparing and pray that he will direct our conversations.

Credit: This tool was originally developed by Paul Watson. To learn more go to www.contagiousdisciplemaking.com

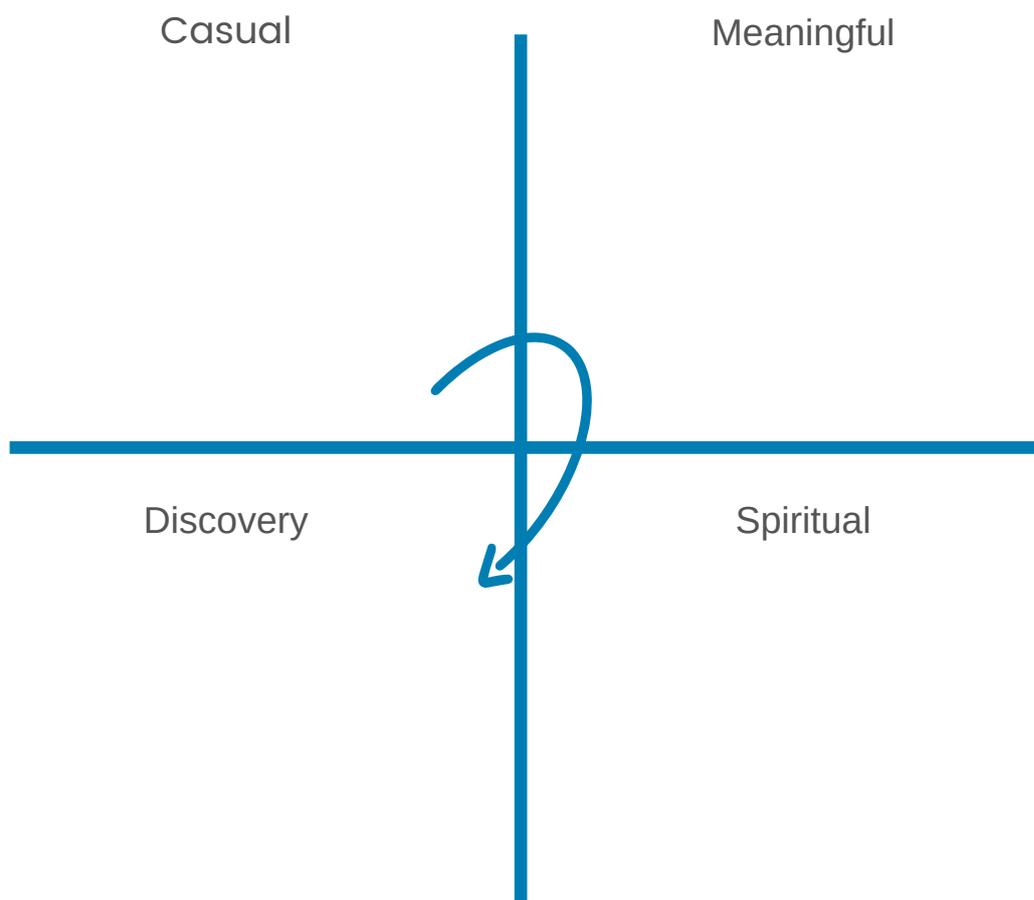




It's your turn ...

Spend some time thinking and praying about the people in your world.

Write down the names of the people who come to mind, placing them in the quadrant which best describes the types of conversations you have with them.



Pray for each of these people - that God would lead them on a journey towards discovery. Pray that God would create opportunities for conversations to progress from casual to meaningful to spiritual to discovery.

Want to go deeper?

- Read Peter Roennfeldt's book, '**If You Can Eat, You Can Make Disciples**'.
- Contact us if you're interested in finding a coach or a Hub near you by emailing us at connect@praxeis.org

