



HOW WE SHARE JESUS AT WORK

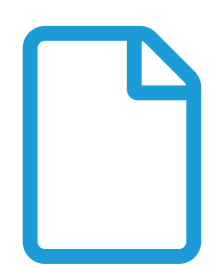


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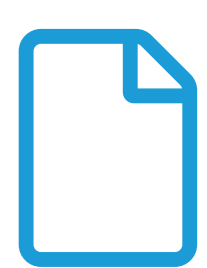
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COFFEE, DINNER, GOSPEL



Introduction

There's a saying among Christian missionaries:
"Closed country, open hearts; open country, closed hearts."

Do you think this is true for Australia?



Big Picture

Our society is structured culturally against going deeper and asking the bigger questions, so we engage our friends and colleagues relationally – or – Coffee, Dinner, Gospel.



Key Truths

1. **We're weird about religion.** In Australian culture, we compartmentalise our lives. We talk about work/life balance; recognising that who we are and how we act in our private lives is not the same as at work. This speaks to a deeper reality – the sacred/secular divide: which a trip to your local Thai restaurant will tell you is a uniquely western thing.
2. **Sacred/Secular Divide.** The sacred/secular divide says that some things are secular – they are public/observable/factual, and there are sacred things – which are private/subjective/complex. When the sacred is brought into the secular it can make people feel uncomfortable or even lead to fights – so we avoid them, at least until we know people better.
3. **And so.** Religion is firmly in the private, sacred realm – work is secular. So how do we talk about Jesus?



Key Truths (cont.)

4. **Coffee, Dinner, Gospel.** The deeper we go in relationship, the more willing we are to share about Jesus and our response to him – it's about trust:

Coffee – is public and safe, it only lasts a few minutes and usually is limited to public/secular topics – weather, sport, and news. However, the more we have “coffee” conversations the deeper we can go, and move into:

Dinner – is more private and there is more possibility to move into more private issues, values, worldviews, politics, religion, and opinions. This is the time to actively listen – asking open ended questions (Do you have a faith? Do you pray? What values do you want your kids to have? How did you come to believe that? Notice that these are still factual questions, what and how, not why yet). Active listening involves demonstrating that you have heard the thought, understood the concept, and accepted the associated feeling; I hear, I understand, I feel something of what you feel.

Gospel – once we have explored more private issues we can step into the gospel which impacts our most central part – our autonomy.

5. **Sharing Jesus today often means going deeper in relationships.** Our culture resists speaking about matters of the gospel of Jesus until we've built relational trust.
6. **Sharing Jesus takes confidence... in God.** In the end it is God who changes hearts and “reveals the deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.” (Daniel 2:22) God knows the private thoughts of our colleagues, even better than they do! We can trust God to draw people out and bring the hidden things to light.
7. **Sharing Jesus means getting to know people better, but it's not about becoming BFFs.** Sometimes we can hold back on sharing Jesus for longer than we should – and then it becomes really weird. We are talking about getting to know someone to the point where asking them to have a coffee or to come over for a barbeque isn't weird – at that point you're probably able to start inviting them to consider Jesus.

Thoughts? Questions?



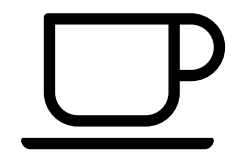
Prayer

Think about the people who don't know Jesus in your circle of friends and colleagues. Where do they stand in the Coffee, Dinner, Gospel scale relationally?

Pray for deepening relationships with colleagues in your team for the sake of the gospel.

Remember

COFFEE



DINNER



GOSPEL



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