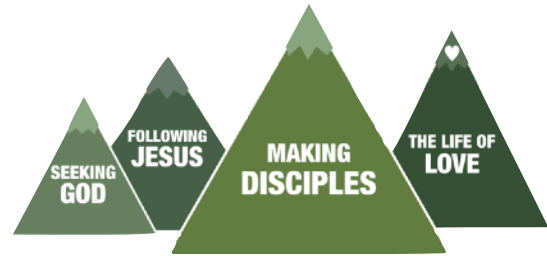


Answer People's Questions

The kingdom of God is built up through relationships and conversations. We should expect that any conversation might suddenly become an opportunity. This requires us to ready ourselves and stay alert for the Holy Spirit's promptings.



Observations

Always be Prepared 1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts
revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared
to give an answer
to everyone who asks you
to give the reason
for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness
and respect.

But in Your Hearts

We must speak out of our love for Christ,
otherwise our words will ring hollow.

Revere Christ as Lord.

Jesus is more than Savior; he is also our King.

Always Be Prepared

Moments of witness will often come suddenly,
so we must be prepared to respond.

To Give An Answer

In a culture that no longer believes in truth,
people are still seeking answers.

The Reason for the Hope You Have

We may not be able to answer every question,
but we can certainly give our own answer
as to why we hope in Christ.

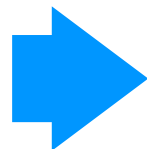
Gentleness and Respect

The manner of our answer is as important as the
answer we give.

GOOD ANSWERS

RESOLVE QUESTIONS

SO PEOPLE
CAN MOVE
FORWARD



Normal Conversations

CAN SUDDENLY
BECOME

GOD-
OPPORTUNITIES



Your Notes *what God is saying to you:*

Many Brushes - One Artist



Each of us has given special gifts to use in witness to our faith. Some people are strong intellectually, others have the gift of service, some can easily sympathize, others are good at listening.

If you have a special gift, work to develop it well so that God can use you to do a special work.

Further Study *for a deeper understanding:*

1 Corinthians 12 explains how every person in the church has a role to play. Each of us are given spiritual gifts as the Holy Spirit directs. This enables every person to experience the joy of using their gift to serve God. It also reminds us that we need each other to do God's work.

Questions *for reflection or group discussion:*

It is easy to remember a time when we failed to say the right thing, but can you offer an example of when you said the right thing, and something good happened?

What things we can do to better prepare ourselves?

What spiritual gift do you think you have, and how can you work to improve it?

How do we know when a normal conversation suddenly becomes a God-opportunity?