

HOW TO PILOT A GOSPEL CONVERSATION

From takeoff to touchdown

1. FUEL UP WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVATION.

- ◆ Obedience to the Lord [Matthew 28:18-20](#)
- ◆ Compassion for the lost [Matthew 9:35-38](#)
- ◆ Urgency of the mission [Jude 23](#)

2. GET PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ... Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

[Colossians 4:2, 5-6](#)



3. TAKE OFF SMOOTHLY.

◆ Ask great questions.

This will help you:

- ◆ break down barriers.
- ◆ understand what the person believes.

◆ Admire what you can about what they believe.

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry..."

[James 1:19](#)

"So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: "To the unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.'"

[Acts 17:22-23](#)

◆ Admit that you need Jesus.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."

[1 Timothy 1:15b](#)

4. HAVE A GOOD FLIGHT PLAN.

God created us to be with Him. [Genesis 1–2](#)

Our sins separate us from God. [Genesis 3](#)

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds. [Genesis 4](#) – [Malachi 4](#)

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. [Matthew](#) – [Luke](#)

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life. [John](#)

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. [Acts](#) – [Revelation](#)

5. TOUCH DOWN SAFELY.

◆ Ask two closing questions:

Does that make sense?

Is there anything holding you back from trusting in Jesus right now?

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