

How can you gauge a non-Christian's interest in the Gospel? Generally speaking, where does that person need to be in order to be receptive to the Gospel? What are some possible signs of this? Is there anything you can do or say to get this person to that point (which will be unique to him or her)?

How can we turn conversations about cultural realities toward a spiritual direction? What do you need to be prepared for in doing so?

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And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:34-40)

How do you think the eunuch knew about Christian baptism, and what it signified?

What can we presume happened with the court official during this conversation with Philip?
What do you know about baptism and what it symbolizes?

Interact with this statement, *"The cultural activity of 'coming out' parallels the biblical idea of baptism and identifying with Jesus".*

Identifying is SO important in our culture. How is "identifying with Jesus" lost when we do not express it publicly in our lifestyles beginning with baptism?

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If you've been baptized, be ready to tell your group how you got to the point of taking that step. If you're a believer and have not been baptized, make a plan with your group to take this step with their support.