

# The Conversations Of Jesus Learning From His Encounters

The Conversations of Jesus-Simon J. Kistemaker 2004-10-01 Through Scripture and spoken word, Jesus continues to attract millions of followers today. In many ways, those who seek Christ now differ little from those whose stories we learn in the Gospels: Peter, Nicodemus, Mary, the Samaritan leper, even Judas. Professor Simon J. Kistemaker has spent his professional life studying the words and actions of those who spent time with Jesus. In The Conversations of Jesus he offers a glimpse into the lives of those who were touched by encounters with Jesus Christ. Readers will find much in common with these first-century people, including their feelings of inadequacy, confusion, and joy at meeting the Savior. Ideal for laypersons and pastors, The Conversations of Jesus helps readers strengthen their walks with Christ as they learn about others who have walked this path before. Great Truths from Jesus' Conversations With Women-Shirley Stephens 2003-06 Jesus' conversations with women reveal great truths about the Christian faith and about Jesus' special relationship with women and truths about their place in His kingdom work. Author presents Jesus' conversations in dialogue fashion, using fiction techniques to enliven the text while remaining true to the biblical account. The accounts take into account the cultural and political background of the period and places.

Everyday Conversations, Eternal Impact- 2011

How to Become a Christ-Master Lavalley 2016-04-05 This is a practical, how-to book to learn to let go of limitations and come into the True Self of your being--the Christ Self. There are 100 Conversations Master LaValley had throughout the years with various Spiritual Seekers, often with startling information about what it means to be a Christ, and how to come into that level of energy. Each conversation has Practices--one at the Beginner's Level and one at the Advanced Energy Being's Level. Doing the Practices will take you into energy levels where Oneness is clear, obvious and felt. The book has many ties to A Course In Miracles, Eastern teachings and the practices of non-duality. It is not a "study" book, however, and makes it very clear that this is about doing the Practices to learn to live in and as the Christ Consciousness on a permanent basis. Master LaValley was never a student of religion or metaphysics until he had a Revelation of Jesus Christ. He realized that, with the help of the Christ, he could release the limitations of being human and become the Divine Self that he was in truth. Jesus told him he would show him all that He learned and all that He did to become the Christ Himself, and then to become the Oneness of God. The Conversations lay out these ideas and concepts, as well as many examples of what happens when the personal consciousness expands and lets go of the limitations it has imposed upon its Self. There is a Bibliography of Suggested Reading and a Clarification of Terms, as well as an email address for folks looking to connect with others who are reading and doing the Practices from How To Become A Christ.

Learning Jesus-Stephen D. Jones 2021-09-30 Some Christians are satisfied with an "Arrived Jesus," a Jesus who had fully arrived at the moment of his birth in Bethlehem. He had nothing to learn, nothing to discover, no choices to make, and no place to go except to follow God's tight script for his life. His life was static. Yet, other Christians believe in a "Becoming Jesus," a Jesus who faced many crossroads and decision points, struggles and crises, all of which shaped his faithful response to God. This "Learning Jesus" was born into a world of stereotypes and bias and he, like others, had to overcome these human boundaries in order to become the Savior of the world. Jesus was an imaginative learner and an inspiring teacher. Like all human beings, he was a human becoming.

Talking with Your Kids about Jesus-Natasha Crain 2020-03-31 You already know the world is becoming an increasingly secular place that will undoubtedly challenge your child's faith in Jesus. But do you know specifically what those faith challenges are, how to effectively talk with your child about them, and what that means for you as a Christian parent on a day-to-day basis? If your answer is "no," you're not alone. Many Christian parents feel the same. But here's the good news: Talking with Your Kids about Jesus will give you the confidence you need to have the conversations that matter most in today's skeptical world. In a friendly, parent-to-parent voice, Natasha Crain will walk you through essential topics on Jesus's identity, teachings, death, and resurrection. Each chapter clearly explains what skeptics are saying and provides a concise, easy-to-understand response you can discuss with your child (one that can be tailored for any age). Chapters are sequenced in a curriculum-oriented way to provide a cumulative learning experience, making this book a flexible resource for use in multiple settings: homes, church classes, youth groups, small groups, private Christian schools, and homeschools. Every chapter has a step-by-step conversation guide with discussion questions and tips, and content is readily adaptable for use with kids of any age.

The Gospel of John-Robert Kysar 1997

Jesus Conversations-Dave Sterrett 2021-10-05 A practical how-to guide for Christians who want to share their faith in more effective and natural ways. How are we to talk about Jesus to someone who does not believe the way we do? Very few of us feel comfortable articulating the truthfulness of Christ's death and resurrection to a peer outside of the church. Sometimes Christians feel intimidated by the objections of unbelievers who may say, "That's right for you, but not for me" or "That's just your opinion." Jesus Conversations provides questions, answers, and relational tips in overcoming these conversation stoppers. Along with biblical insights and apologetics, readers will see firsthand examples and stories of ordinary people who share the gospel while visiting nursing homes, throwing parties, renting out bars for open-minded skeptics, and more. Sterrett's book equips followers of Jesus to become winsome and confident in communicating the truths of the gospel to nonbelievers. It would be most effective for college students and will resonate with those who are familiar with the I Am Second movement. Key points and features: Provides strategies and practical insights to help Christians become courageous in engaging in conversations with those who might not believe in the authority of the Bible. Practical, relatable, and accessible.

Conversations with Jesus: Book 2-Alexis Eldridge 2012-01-05 In Book 2 Jesus conveys thr strong message that this basic truth,all truth really, is found by listening to one's heart

What Jesus Learned from Women-James F. McGrath 2021-02-26 Dehumanization has led to serious misinterpretation of the Gospels. On the one hand, Christians have often made Jesus so much more than human that it seemed inappropriate to ask about the influence other human beings had on him, male or female. On the other hand, women have been treated as less than fully human, their names omitted from stories and their voices and influence on Jesus neglected. When we ask the question this book does, what Jesus learned from women, puzzling questions that have frustrated readers of the Gospels throughout history suddenly find solutions. Weaving cutting edge biblical scholarship together with an element of historical fiction and a knack for writing for a general audience, James McGrath makes the stories of women in the New Testament come alive, and sheds fresh light on the figure of Jesus as well. This book is a must read for scholars, students, and anyone else interested in Jesus and/or in the role of ancient women in the context of their times.

Engage the Conversation with God, with Believers, with Seekers-John F. Smed 2016-09-14 PRAYER EVANGELISM TRAINING FOR MINISTRY LEADERS If you are discouraged about evangelism... If you have given up on evangelism... If you have never tried evangelism... If you don't think evangelism is your "gift..". If you are afraid your non-Christian friends will find you judgmental or irrelevant... There is another way... Today there is a universal openness to prayer as people thirst for spiritual experience. Prayer is a common current of all faiths and is a bridge to the seeker. Indeed many are open to prayer; rarely will anyone say no if you offer to pray for them, especially in times of need. Praying for seekers is a tangible way to care for them. This training will encourage you to engage seekers in an engaging, relevant, and genuine way. With a focus on the heart, this training is less about technique, and more about listening to Jesus, and others through prayerful conversation. Let Jesus dispel your fears with his heart for you and compassion for your friends as you learn to share Jesus IN prayer with friends by inviting them into a prayer conversation with Jesus. This training will multiply your prayer conversations with friends, family, and neighbours and help you train others to share Jesus in prayer.

Knowing the Infinite Creator-Angel V. Ornedo Jr. 2013-06-11 If you live as a purpose, objective driven person, a human being of persistence and substance, you will find this book very informative, a perspective of how to be successful in any of your positive endeavours, spiritual in objectivity, scientific in perspective and written with a real eye for service to other people. If your desires are only material in nature, this may not fit your profile as this book is a combination of success of spiritually and scientifically driven people, materially and spiritually with a major touch of helping other people as this is the real intention of the writer, learning and knowing how to serve others as service to others is service to the CREATOR. Abundance is a positive way of helping people and the Universe supplies everyone this wealth continuously, endlessly and without exhaustion!! Chapters I, II and III are devoted to our Maker, the Infinite Creator, Infinity, the Source Energy and names he is often called ALL THERE IS/ALL THAT IS. God gave us free will and no one, not even the Angels and the Higher Beings, RA, Christ or other Icons can violate this, otherwise they will come back to the Wisdom vibration and density of soul development. We have guardians, confederates and spiritual guides who are always there to guide us but they can never violate this rule, FREE WILL is given to us humans and all the entities of creation be they at the 4th or the seventh density of existence. Human beings have a penchant for discovery of things that have been discovered in the past. We always say we discovered, innovated or created when in fact as you read from artifacts of yore or the libraries of Nineveh discovered in Southern Iraq or Mesopotamia, almost everything we have today have been discovered or are in use during those times including lap tops, geodetic laser measuring devices, jet planes, helicopters, airplanes even tractors. Tractors are described as roaring machines that cultivates the soil in Africa. Take it from author Zechariah Sitchin and you will wonder. Thus the human being is a Creator itself created by the Maker to create beautiful things so Infinity can experience it thru us. We even duplicated and know and applied in our power systems the basic creation of God, Fusion. The olden civilizations, that in Egypt, and the Americas are filled with facts that detail achievements of the human race and teachings that are truth but today have been adulterated to appear as possible witchcraft when in fact are real descriptions of the Law of One taught by the golden people of Venus, that of RA social memory complex and the higher beings of nearby stars which can be seen at our dark night stars of Arcturus and Sirius. The Orion star are of the negative origin and their teachings are yes, negatives like that one we call Yahweh who masquerade teaching positive but in the real sense negative. Again these are the teachings of Thou Shalt Not as it gives to you the negatives. Why would you teach thou shalt not kill! You can simply say Though shall love thy neighbour as you love thyself! This is the positive way, never an inkling of bad that will definitely sink in our one year old brain, always a year old so says the adept. Our world has been a belligerent, troubled civilization as far as my memories can remember, World War I, II and the Cold War, from my childhood to the present. The nuclear bombs stored in various countries o

The Parables of Jesus-Simon Kistemaker 1980

Your Ministry of Conversation-Randy Fujishin 2008-04 God has given each of us the opportunity to speak and listen to all kinds of people everyday of our lives and your conversations can be seen as divine appointments to communicate the love of Jesus. Opportunities to encourage, reframe, support, guide, and even pray for those individuals the Lord brings across your path. This book shares 10 simple ways that Jesus teaches to communicate His love in your conversations. Welcoming others, asking questions, listening, being cheerful, encouraging, thanking, flowing with conflict, forgiving, praying, and sharing Jesus are conversation skills that each one of us needs to practice and improve. This book examines what Jesus taught and did as reported in the Gospels. And His instruction is radically different than that of the world. Learn what Jesus has to say to you about Your Ministry of Conversation and how you can share His love, one conversation at a time. Randy Fujishin is the chair of the Communication Studies Department at West Valley College in Saratoga, California. He is also a marriage and family counselor and occasional Christian conference speaker. Randy holds graduate degrees in both communication studies and clinical psychology. He and his wife, Vicky, are active in their local church and Randy speaks and leads communication workshops at many pastoral and Christian youth conferences in the western United States. Randy is the author of The Natural Speaker, Gifts from the Heart, Creating Communication, Discovering the Leader Within, and Creating Effective Groups. Most important, Randy is a loving husband and dad, and has recently made a solo motorcycle trip across the United States and back on his BMW 1150R. Your Ministry of Conversation is Randy's first Christian book. Hope you enjoy it.

The Radical Invitation of Jesus-Duncan S. Ferguson 2019-07-02 The book addresses the way we are able to understand the radical invitation of Jesus. The invitation is to those who heard Jesus in the first century, the intervening centuries, and those in the twenty-first century urging them to turn away from a life that is self-centered and to seek a life that is God-centered, accepting the reign of God in one's life rather than wealth, pleasure, power, and fame. Jesus says that we are to seek first the kingdom of God and all of our basic needs will be met, being transformed and finding meaning and purpose in our lives. The invitation is radical in that it calls on us to give up the accepted norms and values of our culture and world and give ourselves to a life of integrity and truthfulness, love and compassion, and justice and peace. We are invited to find our true identity, to be filled with and transformed by the God of love and to become one who is filled with grace and truth, as Jesus was.

A Conversation with Jesus... on Religion-David Helm 2019-05-10 Nicodemus was a religious man. He knew the religious law inside out and made sure he kept to it - he even taught it to others. He was confident that his religion would save him; after all, he was a good person. But then he met Jesus. According to Jesus his best attempts at living the moral life wouldn't save him. But if religion won't make us right with God, what will? Jesus gave Nicodemus an answer, but what does it mean?

Great Truths from One Woman's Conversations With the Apostle Paul-Shirley Stephens 2012-05-02 Great Truths from One Woman's Conversations With the Apostle Paul presents, in dialog form, the teachings of Paul on the role of women in the home, church and society. The author presents Paul's teachings on this subject in nine conversations. One woman asks the questions, with the answers based solidly on the biblical record. The content of the answers has been carefully researched in commentaries and historical sources. The conversations take into account the cultural and political background of the period and places. A final chapter charts the progress in applying Paul's teachings of equality in the work of the church. Subject and Scripture indices, along with a glossary, are provided to aid in study and understanding. Following the account of each conversation are interactive learning exercises that can be completed individually or in a group setting. This book is a handy tool for group and individual Bible study.This is the fourth in a series of conversation books written by this author.

Great Truths from Jesus' Conversations With Pharisees-Shirley Stephens 2011-03-30 Great Truths from Jesus' Conversations With Pharisees presents ten conversations of Jesus with the Pharisees and their scribes, who were considered to be experts in the interpretation of the Old Testament Scriptures. The conversations reveal Jesus' passionate attempts to connect with these religious leaders who opposed his teachings and his mission from the moment he arrived on the religious scene. While he conversed with the Pharisees, Jesus taught great truths about the Christian faith that continue to inform and inspire. The author presents Jesus' conversations in dialog fashion, using fiction techniques to enliven the text while remaining true to the biblical account. The presentations take into account the cultural and political background of the period and places. Following the account of each conversation are interactive learning exercises that may be completed individually or in a group setting. This book is a handy tool for group and individual Bible study.

Great Truths from Jesus' Conversations With Men-Shirley Stephens 2010-04-01 Great Truths from Jesus' Conversations With Men presents eleven conversations from the life of Jesus. These conversations reveal great truths about the Christian faith and what Christians should be and do as disciples of Jesus Christ. The dialogues dramatically picture Jesus' special ability to relate to each person as an individual. The author presents Jesus' conversations in dialog fashion, using fiction techniques to enliven the text while remaining true to the biblical account. The presentations take into account the cultural and political background of the period and places. Following the account of each conversation are interactive learning exercises that can be completed individually or in a group setting. This book is a handy tool for group and individual Bible study.

How the Body of Christ Talks-C. Christopher Smith 2019-04-16 In today's highly charged social and political environment, we often don't know how to talk well with others--especially with people whose backgrounds differ from our own. C. Christopher Smith, coauthor of the critically acclaimed and influential Slow

Church, addresses why conversation has become such a challenge in the 21st century and argues that it is perhaps the most-needed spiritual practice of our individualistic age. Smith likens practicing conversation to the working of the human body. Bodies are wondrous symphonies of diverse, intricate parts striving for our health, and our health suffers when these parts fail to converse effectively. Likewise, we must learn to converse effectively with those who differ from us in the body of Christ so we can embody Christ together in the world. In community, we learn what it means to belong to others and to a story that is bigger than ourselves. Smith shows how church communities can be training hubs where we learn to talk with and listen to one another with kindness and compassion. The book explores how churches can initiate and sustain conversation, offers advice for working through seasons of conflict, suggests spiritual practices and dispositions that can foster conversation, and features stories from several congregations that are learning to practice conversation.

Learning Evangelism from Jesus-Jerram Barrs 2009-05-06 Studying Jesus' conversations with diverse people in his day, Jerram Barrs draws lessons and principles for attractively communicating the gospel to unbelievers in our day. Living in a culture that is opposed to Christianity tempts God's people to conform, to retreat, to be silent. But Jesus showed the way to live faithfully before an unbelieving world. As the greatest evangelist, Jesus exemplified how to attract people to the gospel. He modeled how to initiate spiritual conversations full of grace and truth. Christian evangelism, then, both in theory and practice, must be shaped by his pattern. Seeking to articulate the passions and principles present in Christ's life and words, longtime L'Abri staff member Jerram Barrs has studied Jesus' diverse encounters with people throughout the Gospels. Each chapter of Learning Evangelism from Jesus recounts one of those stories, draws useful lessons for readers' lives and communication of the gospel, and concludes with questions for further reflection and application. This highly practical book will guide Christians in how to live before unbelievers and how to love them into the kingdom, just as Jesus did.

Talking with Your Kids about God-Natasha Crain 2017-10-17 Christian parenting is hard work--and it's getting harder. Parents have a deep desire to pass on their faith, but fear that today's increasingly skeptical and hostile world will eventually lead their kids to reject the truth of Christianity. That leaves many parents feeling overwhelmed--uncertain of what they can do to help their children, given the difficulty and extent of the faith challenges they will face. This practical and timely resource gives parents the confidence of knowing what to discuss with their children and how to discuss it in order to facilitate impactful conversations that will form the basis of a lifelong faith. In a friendly, parent-to-parent voice, Natasha Crain identifies 30 specific conversations about God that parents must have with their children, organizing them under the categories of - the existence of God - science and God - the nature of God - believing in God - the difference God makes Chapters are sequenced in a curriculum-oriented way to provide a cumulative learning experience, making this book a flexible resource for use in multiple settings: homes, church classes, youth groups, small groups, private Christian schools, and homeschools. Every chapter has a step-by-step conversation guide with discussion questions and tips, and content is readily adaptable for use with kids of any age (elementary through high school). Endorsements: "My prayer is that God will use this book to both motivate and equip you to help your kids develop convictions about their faith."--From the foreword by Sean McDowell, PhD, Biola University professor, speaker, and author of more than eighteen books, including A New Kind of Apologist "I can't think of a more relevant or more needed book for parents raising kids in today's culture. This book on apologetics will lead parents in critical conversations that will help grow and guide kids to be lifelong followers of Christ."--Kristen Welch, author of Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World "Hey parents: Do you want to reduce the chances that your child will follow the crowd to the point of rejecting Christ and the values and truths you hold so dearly? Then you need to have the conversations that Natasha Crain so brilliantly describes in this book. Prevent heartbreak later by reading and heeding this book now!"--Frank Turek, PhD, president of CrossExamined Ministries and author of I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist and Stealing from God "May this book lead to thousands more Moms and Dads engaging with their kids through an intelligent faith. And may there be tens of thousands more kids who feel loved because the adults in their lives take their questions seriously."--Jeff Myers, PhD, president, Summit Ministries

A Study of the Gospel of John-Dennis Dinger 2014-08-02 In this Gospel, John focused on Jesus as the Son of God! Throughout, we find Jesus speaking often of the relationship He enjoys with God the Father! To understand the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth, we must each necessarily study all four Gospels! With its special emphasis on Jesus Christ, Son of God, John's Gospel is a wonderful choice to start a study of the Bible! Every man, woman, and child will benefit from the lessons recorded by John!

Turning Everyday Conversations Into Gospel Conversations-Jimmy Scroggins 2016-11-01 We live in a broken world. And the gospel is how God puts broken people back together again. Once we repent and believe in Jesus, God's Spirit helps us recover and pursue His design. God is the one who created the world and every human being in it. Authors Jimmy Scroggins and Steve Wright outline a reproducible method of sharing the gospel that has been tested in the real world. Turning Everyday Conversations Into Gospel Conversations is a simple strategy to train new and seasoned believers to join God in His reconciliation work. Turning Everyday Conversations Into Gospel Conversations equips believers to use the innovative "3 Circles," a user-friendly evangelistic tool for a new generation. Scroggins and Wright train readers to incorporate the biblical metanarrative, as well as our own personal stories, to tell the good news that Jesus has made a way out of the broken places we find ourselves. Churches around the world are training people to share the gospel using this method. It has proven appeal across generations and cultures. They've heard stories about an 8-year-old boy leading his 26-year-old cousin to repent and believe in Jesus and a 70-plus-year-old church member, who had never before shared his faith, leading his Spanish-speaking neighbor to Christ. It's been used to train the Mixtec in Mexico, Maasai Warriors in Kenya, and prisoners in America. It's been presented on napkins, in concrete, in the sand, and using tortillas. The 3 Circles work, and this book will train you and your church members to use it. It doesn't matter if you have been a Christian for decades or days, you can learn to do what God asks us to do—to make His appeal to others through us (2 Cor. 5:20). This short training manual will empower and inspire millions of Christians to turn hundreds of millions of everyday conversations into gospel conversations.

Sex, Jesus, and the Conversations the Church Forgot-Mo Isom 2018-03-06 Sex. In a world overwhelmingly obsessed with it, why is the church so silent about it? While our secular culture twists, perverts, cheapens, and idolizes sex, there are gaping holes in the church's guidance of young people. The result is generations of sexually illiterate people drowning in the repercussions of overwhelming sin struggles. Enough is enough, says Mo Isom. With raw vulnerability and a bold spirit, she shares her own sexual testimony, opening up the conversation about misguided rule-following, virginity, temptation, porn, promiscuity, false sex-pectations, sex in marriage, and more and calling readers back to God's original design for sex—a way to worship and glorify him. This book is for the young person tangled up in an addiction to pornography, for the girlfriend feeling pressured to go further, for the "good girl" who followed the rules and saved herself for marriage and then was confused and disappointed, for the married couple who use sex as a bargaining tool, for every person who casually watches sex play out in TV and movies and wonders why they're dissatisfied with the real thing, and for every confused or hurting person in-between. Sex was God's idea. It's time we invited him back into the bedroom.

Apprenticeship with Jesus-Gary W. Moon 2009-09-01 Ask a crowd of Christians whether they believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and all hands will go up. Ask the same crowd whether they live like Jesus, and most of those same hands will come down. Why is this? Why is it so hard to bridge the gap between belief and real life? Respected author, professor, and psychologist Gary W. Moon thinks it has to do with our hyper-intellectual but non-experiential method of living the Christian life. In this winsome book Moon provides a thirty-day apprenticeship with Jesus, whereby readers will actively practice being with Jesus day in and day out. Each day's reading uses compelling stories and scripture to illustrate a point and closes with a suggested apprenticeship activity.

Jesus Our Philosopher: The Mechanics of Our Conversations-Zanele Arlington Jiane 2021-03-08 "Modern communication, improved with ancient wisdom" What if there was a better way to communicate with the people around us? And what if Jesus could show us the way? Our days are filled with communication. Talking, listening and understanding are at the core of the human experience. Whether we are at work, with our family or the people of our community, the way we converse with those around us shapes our experiences, for better or worse. So how do we learn to talk and listen to achieve the best possible outcome? The answers are simple: Jesus has already given them in His example. In his own communication, Jesus was able to discern true motives and respond thoughtfully and logically. Through Him, we can learn to make the most of every conversation. While we often turn to the words of Jesus to answer our theological questions, there is also much wisdom that can be applied to many other parts of our life. We respond to God spiritually, with overflowing hearts but so many of us neglect our minds. In a time when the world is full of conflict and unending arguments, the examples in this book encourage the reader to push past knee jerk reactions and fallacies to apply our minds to what our neighbours are truly saying and respond with kindness, understanding and wisdom. Whether it's placating a nuanced client in the workplace, learning to listen to the needs of a child or being able to hear a new idea from a place you never expected it, the result is better relationships, better business and wonderful opportunities 'for growth you never expected." Conversations shape our lives. But how do you shape conversations?"

Teaching the Historical Jesus-Zev Garber 2014-11-13 Teaching the Historical Jesus in his Jewish context to students of varied religious backgrounds presents instructors with not only challenges, but also opportunities to sustain interfaith dialogue and foster mutual understanding and respect. This new collection explores these challenges and opportunities, gathering together experiential lessons drawn from teaching Jesus in a wide variety of settings—from the public, secular two- or four-year college, to the Jesuit university, to the Rabbinic school or seminary, to the orthodox, religious Israeli university. A diverse group of Jewish and Christian scholars reflect on their own classroom experiences and explicate crucial issues for teaching Jesus in a way that encourages students at every level to enter into an encounter with the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament without paternalism, parochialism, or prejudice. This volume is a valuable resource for instructors and graduate students interested in an interfaith approach in the classroom, and provides practical case studies for scholars working on Jewish-Christian relations.

God Conversations-Tania Harris 2017 How do I know it's God? is one of the most commonly asked questions of new and mature Christians alike, and the aim of God Conversations is to both equip and inspire the reader and show them that hearing the voice of the Spirit is accessible to everyone who chooses to follow Jesus. Most Christians know that God speaks, yet struggle with how to recognise his voice in their everyday lives. What does God's voice sound like? How do we know if what we're hearing is from God? Stories of God talking to his people abound throughout the Bible, but we usually only get the highlights. We read; "And God said to Joseph; 'Go to Egypt!'" and then; "Mary and Joseph left for Egypt." We don't get a blow-by-blow description of how God spoke. We don't receive a detailed explanation of how they knew it was God, and we don't get to see what was going on inside their heads as they acted on what they'd heard. In God Conversations, international speaker and pastor Tania Harris shares insights from her own journey about hearing God's voice. You'll get to eavesdrop on some contemporary conversations with God in the light of his communication with the ancient characters of the Bible. Part memoir, part teaching, this unique and creative collection of stories will help you to recognise God's voice when he speaks and how to respond when you do.

Eavesdropping-Henry Martin 2019-01-14 This book of daily readings offers a wonderfully fresh way of deepening the way that we talk to God. Alongside author Henry Martin, we "eavesdrop" or "listen in" on forty-nine instances of people who actually spoke to Jesus in the Bible and ask what we can learn from what they said and how he responded. Sometimes his answers brought delight to those who asked him, and sometimes his response was not what they expected or hoped for. In the final section of the book, readers encounter the conversations that took place during Jesus' final days and bring us closer to him during Holy Week. Eavesdropping can be read in daily sittings at any time of year and is particularly suitable for Lent.

The Jesus Way-Eugene H. Peterson 2011-09-02 Arguing that the way Jesus leads and the way we follow are symbiotic, Peterson begins with a study of how the ways of those who came before Christ revealed and prepared the way of the Lord that became complete in Jesus. He then challenges the ways of the contemporary American church, showing in stark relief how what we have chosen to focus on—consumerism, celebrity, charisma, and so forth—obliterates what is unique in the Jesus way.

Initiate-R. Lee Rogers 2014-07-24 Of all the challenges a Christian faces today, sharing the Faith with others can be one of the most intimidating. But it doesn't have to be! What if sharing the Gospel could occur naturally in a conversation about family, hobbies, or dreams? What if leading a friend to Jesus could flow out of a discussion about simple, everyday things that are happening in life? Learning to share your faith naturally and comfortably means learning to have great conversations, and becoming a great conversationalist along the way. In Initiate: Powerful Conversations That Lead To Jesus, the principles of great conversations are explored, taught, and illustrated. Combined with concepts such as earning the right to be heard, the role of faith in evangelism, and understanding how the Holy Spirit is drawing people to God, this book can equip anyone to start powerful conversations. Five conversation models, building upon one another, are included to begin this journey of sharing the Faith.

The Practical Art of Spiritual Conversation-James Harrison Shultz 2021-03-31 The Practical Art of Spiritual Conversation is about the art of when, if, and how to engage in a spiritual conversation. The whens and the ifs inform the how. Christians can be so concerned with how to share the gospel that they often fail to consider where the person is spiritually and when, or even if, they should share the gospel. To be sure, the Scriptures are clear that followers of Christ must spread the good news. Yet there are times when sharing the gospel would be undeniably inappropriate. How, then, do gospel-centered, evangelistic Christians discern when to share Christ or when to stay silent? What determines when and if someone is even ready to hear the gospel? How does one meaningfully engage a person who has already accepted the gospel? Refined through tens of thousands of spiritual encounters, this book provides a helpful framework for discerning where a person is spiritually and how to encourage each person to take a step toward Christ regardless of where they may presently be in their faith journey. You will be equipped in the practical art of spiritual conversation so that you can meaningfully encourage every person to take a step toward Christ.

Jesus Christ, Learning Teacher-Mark Chater 2020-10-30 The Christian presence in education has never been more controversial. While some secularists oppose any form of religious involvement in schools or universities, some Christians also wonder why the churches are there. Conflicting narratives surround the purpose of Christian involvement in education. Yet at the heart of Christianity stands an educator, whose passion and resurrection can be understood afresh as learning. But what does it mean to say that Jesus was a teacher? If he was a good teacher, was he also a learner? Is today's Christian church learning? Can educators help the church to recover a 'learning Christ' who places learning at the heart of the Godhead and the church? How could the Christian churches take the educational significance of Jesus more seriously? Christian teachers often find themselves divided between a professional discourse on learning and making progress, and a theological vocabulary which they do not fully own, connecting only sporadically with their professional identity. This book helps educators to treat their teacher identity as a theological resource, rather than an obstacle, and in so doing to discover new insights on Christ which can be of relevance to the wider church and its mission.

Pillar New Testament Commentary (Set of 14 Volumes)-D. A. Carson 2013-07-25 The Pillar New Testament Commentary, designed for serious readers of the Bible, seeks above all to make clear the meaning of the text of Scripture as we have it. Writers of the PNTC volumes interact with the most important, informed contemporary debate yet avoid undue technical detail. Their ideal is a blend of rigorous exegesis and exposition, scholarship and pastoral sensitivity, with an eye alert both to biblical theology and to the contemporary relevance of the Bible. Comprising fourteen volumes -- 8062 total pages -- this set brings together some of the best biblical scholarship of our time. Contributors: D. A. Carson, Roy E. Ciampa, Peter H. Davids, James R. Edwards, Gene L. Green, G. Walter Hansen, Colin G. Kruse, Douglas J. Moo, Leon Morris, Peter T. O'Brien, David G. Peterson, Brian S. Rosner.

Discovery Teaching Like Jesus-Kathy Hoppe 2020-04-29 Discovery Teaching Like Jesus critiques the current assumptions, models, and delivery methods of adult religious education. Based on a constructivist theory, it examines the unique ways in which Jesus proclaimed his message to followers and then applies that to current teaching practices in religious settings. It focuses on adult learning theory (andragogy) and transformative learning while applying the discovery teaching methods in adult spiritual formation classes and groups. The authors identify four ways that Jesus implements constructivist methods: he creates teachable moments, he employs powerful narratives, he sparks curiosity, and he makes his listeners think. Using these techniques as a framework, the authors demonstrate how to use these in adult religious education settings. In the final section, the authors offer suggestions for excellence in teaching through recruiting, training, and supporting reflective teachers. Included in this final section are ways that adult facilitators can use self-reflection and examination to enhance their teaching ability.

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