

Evangelistic Encounter

The Evangelistic Encounter provides the opportunity to ask questions about God, Jesus, and Christianity with someone who, to the best of your knowledge, is not a follower of Jesus. It's important to keep the following in mind:

- The person you approach must be AT LEAST twelve (12) years of age and your SAME gender.
- Always participate with a partner (not your FOCUS FRIEND). If you're under 18, you must notify your parents of what you're doing and where you're going for this activity. You'll be required to submit the name of your partner before or during the registration process for the Navajo Outreach in AZ.
- The person you interview can't be someone who claims to be a Christian.
- The person can be someone you know or a complete stranger--this is up to you! Either way, this encounter can lead the person you interview one step closer to knowing Jesus and if you know the person, the opportunity for additional encounters is much greater.
- If the person is a stranger and desires to continue talking to you about spiritual matters and you're uncomfortable in doing so, give him/her VBC contact information or instruct him/her to contact an adult leader at VBC (**never** give out personal information other than VBC's).
- When approaching the person you will interview, you can use the following script:

*Hello, my name is _____ (and this is my friend _____), and we attend Valley Bible Church @ the Crossing in Pleasanton. We're participating in survey about spiritual beliefs and we were wondering if you'd take a few minutes to let us ask you some questions? The questionnaire is designed for those who don't consider themselves to be a Christian, so do you consider yourself to be a Christian? **If the person says 'YES' then thank them anyway, say something encouraging to them, and move along. If the person says 'NO' then continue by saying, "Would you be willing to answer a few questions for me?" If the person says 'no', simply say 'Okay, well thanks anyway' and move on. If the person says 'yes', then begin asking the following questions.***

1. Do you believe in God? *If the answer is NO, go to the next question. If the answer is YES, ask, "Do you believe in one God or in many gods? If you believe in one God, what do you believe about Him? Do you believe He has any relationship with humans? On what do you base your conclusions?"*
2. What do you know or believe about Jesus Christ? Have you ever seriously investigated the claims of Jesus? If so, what did you discover?
3. Describe what you know about Christians. Who or what determines whether or not a person is a Christian?
4. Have your encounters with Christians generally been positive or negative?
If the person did not already do so, ask, "Tell me why you feel that way."
5. What do you think happens to a person after he/she dies? What's the basis for your belief?
If the answer has to do with heaven or hell, ask, "What determines whether a person goes to heaven or hell?"

After the last question, you can ask, "Do you have any questions you'd like to ask us? Would you like more information about anything we've discussed today?" After the person has answered your last question, thank them, give them info about VBC if they'd like it, and you're done!