

## PRESS Club Training #2 Strategy/Feedback

### Main Point Covered

1. how to recognize/avoid/redirect foolish questions.
2. Using discernment and wisdom when dealing with anyone saved or unsaved.
3. Controlling the conversation and connecting with the individuals they are talking to, not just sounding like a robot rattling off scriptures, which will be ineffective for someone who doesn't really live by them.
4. Relating your testimony back to the Word
5. Asking for help from someone more seasoned if needed
6. Avoiding the temptation to "debate" the gospel
7. When is it appropriate to use Greek/Hebrew when talking to someone (only when talking to a Jewish person :) (Otherwise use it to further your own understanding)
8. Importance of your own personal prayer and study time

I used the same questions Tish sent out last we and added a few of my own:

- Can I still drink and be saved, my pastor said its ok;
- If you commit suicide can you still go to heaven;
- Can I date or hang out with someone who isn't saved?;
- Incest in the bible.
- Listening to secular music.

### Execution:

I had my husband play the person they would be talking to. Overall they did really well. They did get tripped up on the following:

1. Areas they don't understand or they even have questions/struggles with themselves
2. trying to use scriptures they don't really get;
3. what happens when the person you are talking to knows the bible better than you and uses scriptures out of context
4. trying to use Greek/Hebrew with someone who doesn't understand the English.
5. What happens when the person doesn't just agree with their answer, and has additional questions
6. Active Listening—did you really hear to understand or just to respond. (Quick to hear...slow to speak)
7. Sounded like they were simply reading or remember what they were taught and not using their own words

Since I don't have much experience with the PRESS or what they have been taught previously about campus etiquette, I had Tish jump in after each the answer was attempted to give some guidance on areas of improvement for that audience.

### Overall Summary

I think they group was really eager to learn and get out there talking to people, but easily were lead down a rabbit hole on some things. At the end I emphasized that your relationship and personal time with God will prepare you for what you will come in contact with. If the Word is in them, they don't have to worry it will come out but if you don't make that sacrifice and spend time with God, then all the studying in the world won't help you be effective. Will you answer their questions, sure but will you inspire them to change...maybe not. Also encouraged them to not lose confidence in their

testimony! People will want to hear what God did for them, and to use their own words. You can tell when people are talking about a God they KNOW!