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Connecting Post-Moderns With the Gospel – Discussion Guide

Section 1

Discuss what you applied in the past seven days from the last Overflow Show.

Read 2nd Timothy 4:2-4 How do the conditions that Paul warns about resonate with things you observe currently in our culture?

Section 2

Go to www.OverflowShow.com and listen to the 5-minute podcast titled “Connecting Post-Moderns With the Gospel.”

Section 3

What did you think? What stood out to you as you listened?

How surprising was it to hear the author say that post-moderns are interested in spirituality?

Discuss ways post-moderns version of spirituality might differ from the traditional definition of spirituality?

How surprising was it to hear the author say that post-moderns are interested in truth? What version of truth do post-moderns seek?

What are other characteristics of post-moderns regarding religion or spirituality?

Why is it not important to a post-modern to have logical consistency in her spiritual views?

The author says post-moderns base much of their philosophy on personal experience. How can we utilize that knowledge as we seek to connect with post-moderns?

The author recommended sharing our own story as a journey, eventually seeing the need for a guide of some sort, then seeing the need for a forgiver. What are a couple thoughts you have about this approach?

Why is it important to be transparent and share our flaws with others?

Share some old stereotypes of Jesus or the Christian life that have been greatly changed as you've embraced Christ and grown spiritually?

What did you think about the story of Mother Teresa's outlook and action regarding the poor in India versus the Hindu people's outlook and action?

Section 4

Discuss some ways we could apply a few of these principles in the next 7 days?

One suggestion (if needed): Develop a 3-minute version of your own personal story in the form a journey. If appropriate, include how you eventually saw the need for a guide of some sort. Then how you saw the need for a forgiver and how that impacted your life. At the end of the story, tell how you realized that the guide and forgiver was Jesus Christ and why. Practice your story on a fellow group member before next week's meeting either in person or by telephone, or better yet, tell a non-Christian friend that your assignment from your spirituality group was to write a 3 minute version of your spiritual journey to share with the group, and ask if you can practice on her.

Overflow enthusiastically recommends the book - [Evangelism Outside the Box](#) by Rick Richardson, Intervarsity Press

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