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## NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

### BACK TO THE BASICS---SHARING THE GOSPEL, ONE-ON-ONE

As you friends know better than I do, many Christians who are originally of other countries are experienced in spiritual talk. My Ethiopian friends Maru, Abidela, and Mohammad “Natnael”, all who are now church leaders in Sioux Falls, left Islam and received Jesus while in Africa as kind Christian neighbors or friends patiently discussed the Gospel with them. That motivated them to do the same. In fact, though they appreciate the U.S., they miss the African culture where people had more time for good discussion, including spiritual talk, and where people seemed more interested in becoming acquainted with others.

Sometimes, a lack of one-on-one spiritual talk in the U.S. is because we Christians feel we are too busy, but also,

as churches, it is because we often plan too much on how we should do it as churches, so we we don’t do it. For example, in Gospel outreach ministry, we often first seek to meet felt-needs, and then hopefully, as a relationship might develop or respect is earned, we might get to pray for the other person, and then, if the opportune time arrives, we might talk clearly about the Gospel. In church, many resources are



contributed to developing programs that teach about the Gospel, or to form committees to do evangelism. But sometimes, though well-intended, the main thing that a person needs—an

#### **The Gospel**

**Conversation Training, as explained in the article, is available. If your church may be interested, let us know.**

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organic, personal explanation at the right moment that God

profoundly cares about and loves them—goes unmet as it is lost in the shuffle of programming. Rather, why don't we consider starting with helping a person meet their deepest need—a personal relationship with God, and then perhaps also help them with other, felt-needs? Is that more direct approach avoided because the conversation may seem weird, unnatural, or disrespectful?

On a Saturday in October, I attended a Gospel Conversation Training event in Mitchell, SD. It was basic, and it was excellent! We were in a classroom in the morning, and then in the afternoon, we were in the neighborhood sharing the Gospel. I experienced that, as people are made in God's image, they are naturally inclined to think about spiritual things. Even if they do not seem interested even in sharing a prayer need, or to answer a

follow-up question like, "Well, let me ask you another way, if God could do a miracle for you, what would you want Him to do," they usually won't be offended by your kind approach and respectful presence.

*(If you are interested in learning about the 15-second testimony or the 3-minute presentation of the Gospel taught at the training mentioned above, and having easy, natural conversations which may lead to those opportunities, please let me know and I'll send you some links and other information.)*

*(If you or people in your church are interested in hanging out, either to observe, join in, or learn about Gospel conversations with others, please let me know.)*

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