

Culture

20 Practical Pointers

Here are twenty practical ideas to get you started in sharing your faith with Jewish people based on the *Culture* series of videos. These are 'how to' tips and suggestions. They have been divided up into three simple sections to help you find the right kind of idea. These ideas should be followed in a true spirit of genuine enquiry, demonstrating love and compassion for the individual and the Jewish community.

It must be emphasized that not all Jewish people are the same – there are wide variations in belief and understanding - there is no one size fits all approach. Therefore, you need to be prayerful and careful about how you approach Jewish people with these suggestions.

We recommend that you view the Care section of videos first and then watch all of the videos before you engage Jewish people with the Gospel.

Suggestions for Practical One-to-One Engagements

Share photos of your travels – have you been anywhere that they may have – can you exchange stories or weave your testimony into your holiday story?

If the person is older, ask about their life experiences and connection to events in Jewish history during their lifetime. Listen lovingly. Perhaps you might be able to share your testimony too.

Enquire about Jewish culture. Take your time and don't be a 'creepy Christian' by being too overzealous. Our goal should be to love first of all and to have [1 Peter 3:15](#) as our watchword. Listening and understanding are key.

Include Bible verses in a card for a Jewish holiday e.g. a happy new year or a Rosh HaShannah card. You can email free electronic cards from [here](#).

Ask your Jewish friend if they pray at all. Do they use the Siddur, the Jewish prayer book? They may be open to showing you this or giving you the information so you can buy one yourself. Is it appropriate to use the Siddur as a starting point for a conversation about the Bible? Can you discuss the prayers with your Jewish friend might pray?

Lend your Jewish friend a film or some messianic music. Arrange a coffee meetup to discuss what they thought.

Are there any books / newspaper columns that you could read and then discuss with your Jewish friend?

Visit sites like www.myjewishlearning.com or www.jewishencyclopedia.com to learn about Jewish cultural expression. Ask your Jewish friend about them.

Join a Hebrew learning community – Modern or Biblical – online or in person.

Study Jewish history. Ask your Jewish friend questions or perhaps show them the books you are reading. All of this builds bridges over which Gospel conversations can travel.

Suggestions for Practical Group Engagements

Read the weekly Torah portion [here](#). Create some questions about it and genuinely engage Jewish people in conversation about it.

Learn a new hobby – Jewish music, Yiddish language, Jewish comedy. Maybe this could be done alongside Jewish people.

Food. Research what kinds of things are cooked at what times of the year. Certain elements are not to be always included i.e. no yeast at Passover. You can find a host of recipes [here](#). Why not share and exchange recipes with your Jewish friend? What do they particularly enjoy at different times of the year?

Visit Jewish museums / online archives (see the resources for ideas on this) Get hold of some interesting items of Judaica* not only as things of interest to enrich your home but as strategic talking pointers (e.g. a menorah/a shofar/prints of Israel etc).

Suggestions for Pastors/Leaders

Visit special events and talks at your local synagogue and get to know people. Always phone up in advance and introduce yourself as a matter of courtesy and for security reasons.

Perhaps raise money for a local Jewish cause and present a cheque with a loving note.

Make a point of occasionally commenting on current affairs and linking this to bible prophecy. Does your Jewish friend know what the Hebrew bible says on such things?

Celebrate the Jewish festivals and invite unbelieving Jewish people into your home or church. Watch the Calendar section of videos for more ideas on this.

Engage in Holocaust education at your church. Perhaps invite speakers from the Jewish community to share. Begin friendships proving that Christians do care about Jewish people.

Attend synagogue services online (google to find recordings or attend a live stream one). This will give you an insight into synagogue life and expression. Then ask your Jewish friend questions about it. Lovingly build relationships.

And there's more! Be prayerful and creative and you can find appropriate ways to reach out.

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