

## Transitions

1. Good transitions in sharing the gospel: Find a bridge that works in your context and practice, practice, practice!
  - a. I know that 80% (most) of Russians are Orthodox, are you Orthodox?
  - b. I've been thinking about my purpose in life, have you thought about your purpose in life?
  - c. I've been thinking about the 3 most important questions that each person should ask. Have you ever thought about . . .
    - i. Where did I come from?
    - ii. What's my purpose?
    - iii. Where am I going after this life is over?
  - d. Several years ago I used to wear a cross. Do you wear a cross?
  - e. I read somewhere that the Bible is the most read book in the world. Have you ever read it?
  - f. I'm busy to meet you on Sunday because I go to church. Do you go to church somewhere?
  - g. What year were you born? Eg. 1980. What happened 1,980 years ago that you measure your date of birth? We all measure our birth by Jesus' birth. Why do you think it's so important?
  - h. Arcs - which do you think is bigger? Now which? It's an optical illusion. Just as I fooled your eyes, someone can fool your heart, that's why it vitally important to see and know truth.
    - i. GM28 app
    - j. Most Russians go to church for Christmas/Easter. Do you go?
    - k. I see you have an icon on the dash or your car/corner of your apartment. What do you believe?
    - l. I see you have a GPS navigator to guide you to the right destination. Do you have something that guides you in life?
    - m. Any 3
      - i. What religion do you follow? (5 seconds of being uncomfortable)
      - ii. In your religion, how do you get your sins forgiven?
      - iii. What I believe is a bit different. I know my sins have been forgiven. (and it's not because I'm a good person, in fact, you might be a better person than me.)
      - iv. Here is how I know my sins have been forgiven.
    - n. "If God would do a miracle in your life, what would it be? Could I pray right now for that miracle for you?"
    - o. "I have been praying for our community. Is there anything specifically that I could pray for you or for our community?"
    - p. "Do you think you are "Near or Far from God?"
    - q. Using a toothpick. You are using a toothpick to clean your teeth, how do you clean your heart?
    - r.

This is what I say: Do you like to read? I know that Russians are very literate people. You might have heard that the Bible is the most well-known book ever. Have you ever read it?

1. I believe it's the truth because the Bible, which was written 3,000 years ago said that the earth was a sphere. Just 500 years ago the greatest scientists said that the earth was flat. Now, science agrees with the Bible.
2. 3,000 years ago, the Bible said that there are an incalculable number of stars. 500 years ago, scientists said that there were only 1,100 stars. Now, science agrees with the Bible.

My favorite:

3,000 years ago, the Bible said that the ocean was fed by rain, rivers, and underground springs. In 1970, when I was 5 years old, science said that the ocean was fed by rain and rivers. In 1971, when I was 6 years old, science discovered the very first underground spring on the ocean floor.

Once I go through many of these facts, I say that this is important because it shows me that God spoke to these men who wrote the Bible and it was even above their understanding, but now we understand. God knew this because he created the laws of science!

**Here are the facts:**

<b><u>THE BIBLE</u></b>	<b><u>SCIENCE THEN</u></b>	<b><u>SCIENCE NOW</u></b>
The earth is a sphere (Isaiah 40:22).	The earth was a flat disk.	The earth is a sphere
Incalculable number of stars (Jeremiah 33:22).	Only 1,100 stars.	Incalculable number of stars
Free float of earth in space (Job 26:7).	Earth sat on a large animal.	Free float of earth in space.
Creation made of invisible elements (Hebrews 11:3).	Science was ignorant on the subject.	Creation made of invisible elements (atoms).
Each star is different (1 Corinthians 15:41).	All stars were the same.	Each star is different.
Light moves (Job 38:19,20).	Light was fixed in place.	Light moves.
Air has weight (Job 28:25).	Air was weightless.	Air has weight.
Winds blow in cyclones (Ecclesiastes 1:6).	Winds blew straight.	Winds blow in cyclones.
Blood is the source of life and health (Leviticus 17:11).	Sick people must be bled.	Blood is the source of life and health.

Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains (2 Samuel 22:16; Jonah 2:6).

The ocean floor was flat.

Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains.

Ocean contains springs (Job 38:16).

Ocean fed only by rivers and rain.

Ocean contains springs.

When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water (Leviticus 15:13).

Hands washed in still water.

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