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### It's time to get talking

#### Building confidence

##### Faith and fear

How can we develop gospel-confident cultures in our own lives and our churches, so that we communicate our faith as naturally as we talk about other good news in our lives?

How can churches train and equip Christians, particularly in how to share their faith in accessible ways?

##### The gospel

How would you summarise the essence of the gospel in a tweet (140 characters – about 20 words)?

How can we translate the passion we have for the gospel to stories and language that non-Christians can easily understand?

In what ways can churches encourage people to tell positive stories of sharing their faith?

How can your church improve in discipling and supporting new believers, welcoming them into the church family and giving them opportunities to serve?

##### Finding the words

Does your church share the gospel with words, as well as without them? Do you?

When does silence become denial?

What are some good ways to share the reason for the hope we have?

#### Building relationships

##### The workplace

Do you make the most of opportunities to talk about faith in everyday conversations at work; 'gossiping the gospel'?

Are there limits on what you can say at work?

##### Moving out of the Christian ghetto

Does your church focus too much church-related activities, limiting the time that Christians have to build relationships with non-Christians?

Are you intentional about developing friendships with non-Christians, including those who live near you?

Do you move out of your Christian comfort zones and be bold in sharing your faith?

How can your church help people develop accessible ways to talk about 'spiritual things'?

Does your church help you learn how to communicate the Christian faith in a world with many competing worldviews?

#### Building up the Church

##### How the Church is seen

What do people in your church's neighbourhood think of your church? Are you known as welcoming to all?

Consider how your church can be more inclusive and diverse in the ways you share and present the gospel.

##### How the Church shares the good news

What kind of church programmes and outreach activities (might) have the best chance of bringing people to faith in Jesus today?

Should all churches run evangelistic activities such as Alpha? Should we give up on some of the more traditional ways of doing evangelism, such as mass meetings?

Does your church look beyond the needs of your own congregations, fulfilling Jesus' call to "go and make disciples"?

Do you have good quality and effective evangelism for young people (especially for those who are not from church families)?

Does youth work have some lessons to teach us for adult outreach?

Does your church pray for revival, relying on God to help your evangelism, whatever the method?

What can hinder working class people from feeling comfortable in churches? What can help?