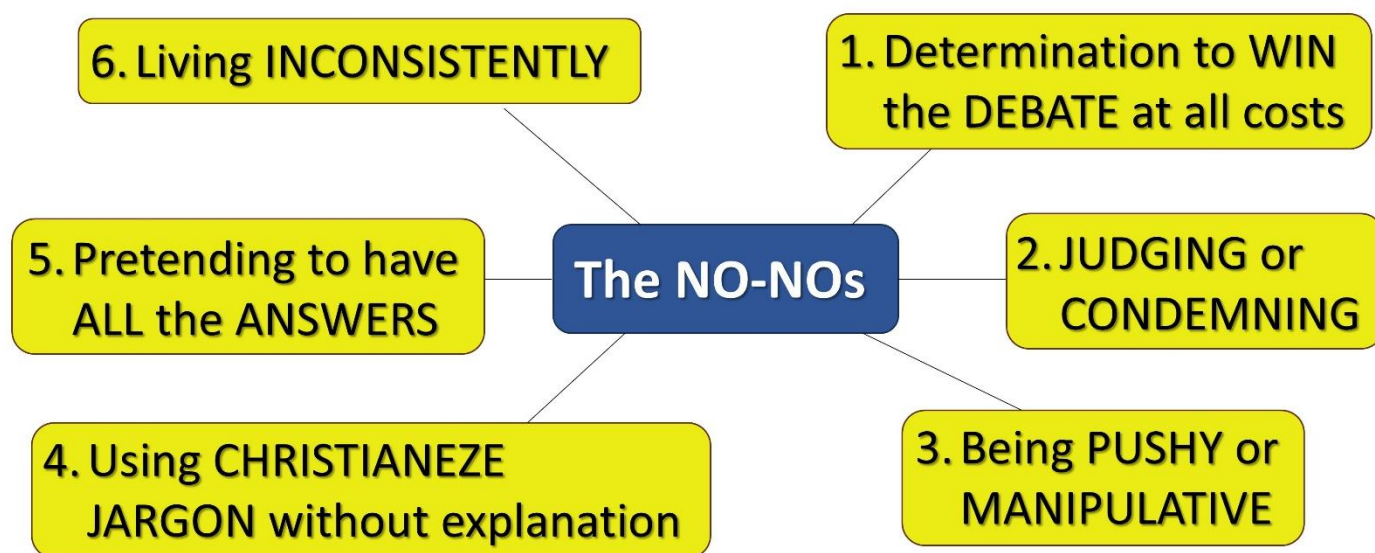


HERE I AM, SEND ME Part 3 – THE NO-NOs (& YES-YESes)

Opening Discussion: The Importance of Avoiding Pitfalls

1. Why is it so important to handle spiritual conversations carefully?
2. What are some “potholes, ditches, and banana skins” you’ve seen (or fallen into) when sharing your faith?
3. How does remembering that “eternities are at stake” change the way we approach others?



The NO-NOs – Mistakes to Avoid

1. Winning the Debate but Losing the Person

What does it look like to be “confident yet kind” in spiritual conversations (2 Tim 2:24)?

How can our knowledge act as a *magnet* rather than a *sledgehammer*?

2. Judging or Condemning

Why is grace so powerful in keeping doors open for truth?

How can we be clear about truth without sounding judgmental?

3. Being Pushy or Manipulative

Have you ever witnessed (or experienced) someone being pressured into a spiritual decision? What was the result?

What does it mean to “watch what the Holy Spirit is doing” instead of driving our own agenda?

4. Using Christian Jargon Without Explanation

Why is Christian jargon often confusing or off-putting to those outside the church?

What are some ways we can explain key spiritual concepts in simple, everyday language? e.g. Saved, repent, sin

5. Pretending to Have All the Answers

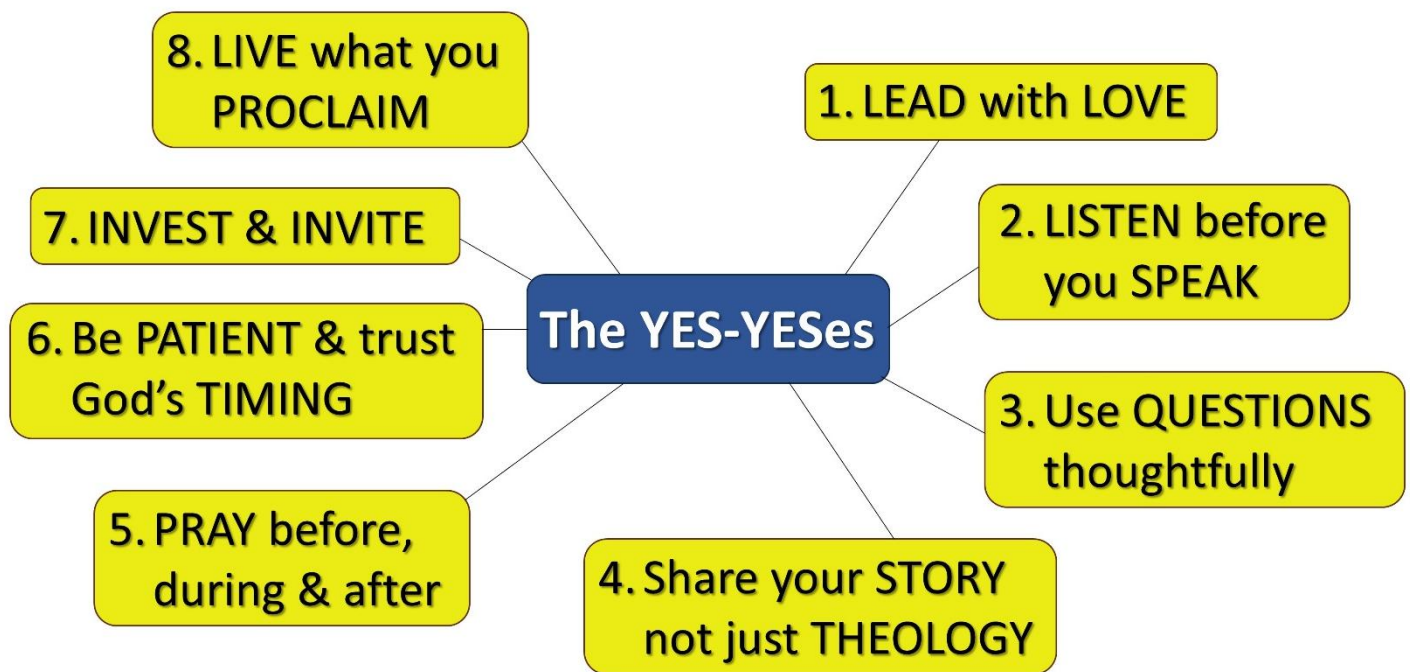
Why is humility so important when answering difficult questions?

How can we respond when we simply don’t have an answer?

6. Living Inconsistently

Why was Jesus so forceful in confronting hypocrisy?

What are some of the ‘red flags’ that we must take note of to make sure our actions don’t betray our words?



The YES-YES's — Things to Do Well

1. Lead with Love

In what practical ways can we ensure love goes first in our interactions?

2. Listen Before You Speak

What are some ways we can develop better listening skills?

How can we invite the Holy Spirit into our listening & what are the benefits of doing so?

3. Use Questions Thoughtfully

Why are thoughtful questions often more effective than bold declarations?

What simple questions could we use to elevate conversation from the mundane (the weather) onto more spiritual topics (hope, pain, purpose)?

4. Share Your Story, Not Just Theology

Why is personal testimony often more compelling than abstract theology?

Can you briefly share a "before and after" story of how Jesus has transformed your life?

5. Pray Before, During, and After

Who are three people you feel called to pray for regularly?

How might God open doors if we commit to praying faithfully for others?

6. Be Patient & Trust God's Timing

What does it mean to resist a 'saviour complex'?

How can we stay encouraged when progress seems slow?

7. Invest & Invite

What does real investment in someone's life look like?

How can we create natural opportunities to invite people into Christian community?

8. Live What You Proclaim

How does our daily life validate or contradict our words?

What daily practices help you radiate peace, hope and joy in an anxious world?

Closing Reflection: Spiritual Gifts and Your Role

Read Romans 12:4–13 together. Which gift(s) do you most resonate with?

How can you serve others out of your God-given wiring?

Who might God be calling you to partner with in the harvest?