

# Evangelism 4 - Asking Questions

Message Study Notes for 25th July 2021

## **Matthew 21 verses 23 to 27**

When talking to someone about the gospel, questions are a great way not only to advance a conversation, but to stop us being arrogant and preachy. Yet, we need the right heart attitude, not just method.

## **Read Matthew 10 verse 16.**

This implies that, with a pure heart, we should use question-asking, getting other people to doubt their worldview. Everyone is different, yet:

### **Can you think of any questions that might be useful?**

When you ask a question, you're offering a chance to talk. Sometimes we can ask questions not just to know what they believe, but to discover their heart.

## **Read Matthew 21 verses 23 to 27.**

**Look at the response Jesus offered. What argument might he have foreseen if he simply answered their question? How did he avoid that argument?**

Jesus doesn't waste breath. Later on he uses more questions.

**Read Matthew 22 verses 17 to 18 and analyse Jesus' response in the same way: what argument might he have foreseen, and how did he avoid it?**

We mentioned three types of questions. **Use, these three and try a little role play, talking to someone about your faith who might hold a different view. Get them to state their view, then use these three types of questions in your discussion. Get others to help:**

**One:** Questions that help you learn about that person. Your job is not to trounce their beliefs, but to help you learn what they believe, and make them think it through properly.

**Two:** Why, How and What questions: 'What are the reasons behind your belief? How did you come to that conclusion?' or 'What evidence led you to that?'

**Three:** Communicate what you want to say about your faith, but try to express it in questions: 'Have you considered that...' or 'Do you think it might be possible...' etc.

**Remember to stay gentle and respectful of their belief.**