



# AUTHENTIC SPACE

## Get the Conversation Started: Discussion Guide Questions

**Find Some Space:** *Start each gathering with asking everyone to share their thoughts with the group.*

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- 1) Ask each participant to answer the following question:
  - What is the most difficult aspect of starting a conversation with a stranger?

**Measure The Space:** *Participants will receive an overview of the subject and create a baseline for discussion.*

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- 1) Watch Chapter 1 of "Get the Conversation Started"
  - Share with the person sitting next to you hesitations someone might have about young adult ministry.
    - Why do you think it is important to talk about what we might be hesitant about?
    - Why might our church want to become involved with a young adult ministry?
  - What cross-section of young adults might we want to reach out to? Who are the young adults in our community?
    - College age students? Young professionals? Newlyweds? Young parents?
  - How are we currently "on the lookout" in our congregation?

**Furnish The Space:** *Participants will more deeply consider the dynamics of young adult ministry, especially its variable nature.*

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- 1) Watch Chapter 2 of "Get the Conversation Started"
  - Create a list of the gifts and talents you think it takes to lead a young adult ministry.
    - What are your thoughts about Matt's suggestion to reach out to young adults to meet their needs versus inviting them into existing ministries that meet 'our' needs? Do you agree/disagree? Why?
    - What ministry opportunities do we already have in place that we could encourage young adults to be a part of?
    - What might be some of the benefits of starting something new specifically geared toward for young adults?
  - Name some challenges to relationship building.

**Use The Space: *Participants are invited to take some form of action regarding young adult ministry.***

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1) Watch Chapter 3 of "Get the Conversation Started"

- In the course of a conversation with someone, what questions could they ask to indicate to you that they were interested in getting to know you better? Would you be comfortable asking a young adult those same questions? Why or why not?
- How does a genuine desire to love people with the love of Christ influence the way you interact with them?

2) Read Luke 15:8-10.

- What can this parable tell us about our investment priorities?

3) Write a prayer, as a group, to use throughout the course of the study.

The prayer should help the group focus on where and how God is leading them to be in relationship with young adults.

**Share The Space: *Participants are offered a challenge to complete before the next meeting.***

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1) Read John 4:1-42. Think about a meaningful experience from your own faith journey.

- How might sharing this story encourage or speak to someone else? If you don't think you have such an experience, ask God to reveal one to you or give you one.