

BETTER WORLD ONLINE



Get Started!

Example of an Ideal DM Conversation

Sam: Hey, I saw that you responded my story! What did you think about it?

Friend: Hi! Yeah your story was interesting. I've been thinking a lot about this too.

Sam: Yeah honestly, I've been reflecting on being Asian and my relationship to racial injustice. And I want to do more than post on social media. I want to create a communal space to share together what we're processing and opportunities to make a difference. What do you think about this idea?

Friend: Sounds cool.

Sam: I'm inviting friends to a video call to talk about how we're doing, possible action steps, and how we're finding hope in the midst of an unjust, broken world. I think it would be cool if each person brought a story, picture, or quote connected to what's been going on that impacted them. We could all share and support each other. What do you think? Would you be interested?

Friend: Maybe. Sounds like it could be good.

Sam: It's at [date, time, link]. Do you want to join?

Not-so-Ideal Conversation

Friend - "The Bible is fake and written by imperfect humans. So I don't think anything in there should be taken seriously."

You - "I'm glad you have thought a lot about that. I would still love to have you join us, and maybe we can look into that perspective some more as well."

Possible Answer 1 - "Nah fam, I just can't."

You - "I appreciate that, and I wanna do some more learning about that. Can we get some one on one time this week to look over the validity of the Bible some more, I just want to know what you know."

Possible Answer 2 - "Yeah, sure... I guess."

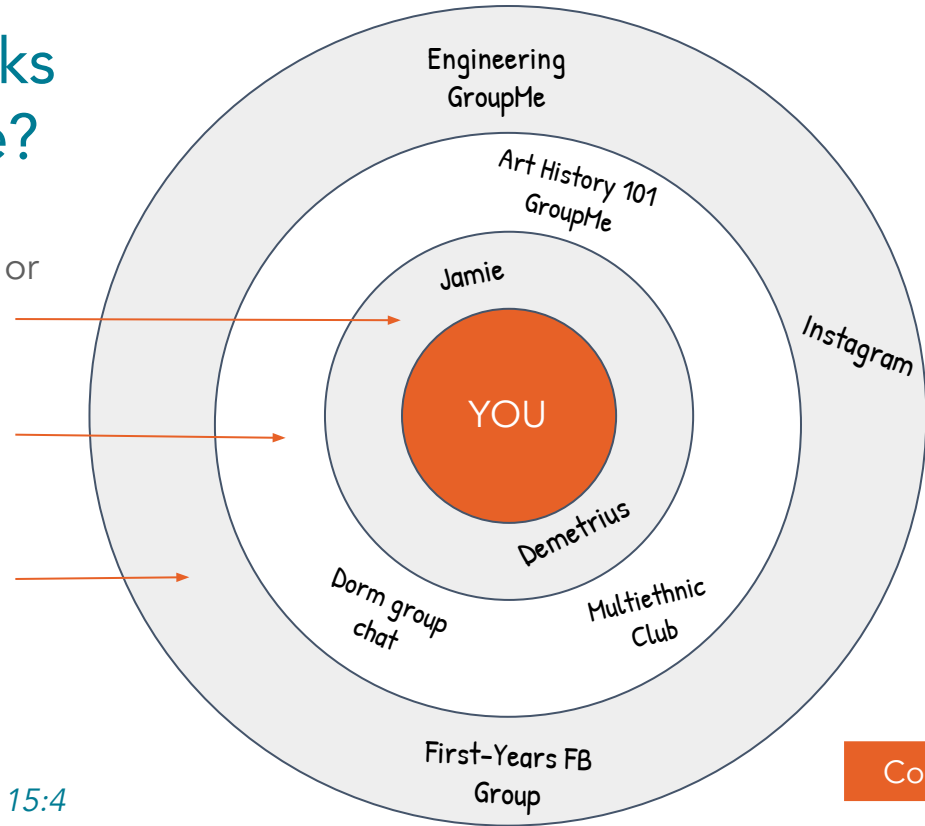
You - "It's gonna be a great group, and everyone is welcome. I'm excited to chat with you soon. I'll send you the link in a bit."

Who are the networks of people YOU have?

Friends - people you are tight with or connect with often

Acquaintances - classmates, neighbors, same club members, friends of friends

"Rando's" - Instagram followers, Facebook groups,



"...[Jesus] leaves the ninety-nine in the open country and goes after the lost sheep until he finds it." *Luke 15:4*

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The Event

10 Minutes Before

Pray (with your Christian friend) for the Holy Spirit to work in your time and in the hearts of your friends!

2 Minutes Before

Begin your video meeting. Wait for folks to join.

Group Ground Rules

Pick 2-3 to share with your group:

- Share the air: Let everyone talk.
- Respect one another. Let's all assume the best of each other-- that we're all here to listen and grow.
- Be honest.
- Get curious, not furious: We can ask questions to understand more what someone meant instead of jumping to conclusions. We're not going to raise our voices and argue-- we're going to focus on sharing and learning.

Conversation (15-25 min)

(Ahead of time, go through the Better World proxe yourself, ideally with a Christian friend, and do some listening prayer for yourself. Get prepared to be the first to share very vulnerably to model humility, learning posture, and desire to grow.)

1. Share a story, picture, quote, etc. related to racial injustice that impacted you in the last week.
2. How has this impacted you?

Optional additional questions:

3. What responses or action steps have you tried out? Or what are you considering?
4. Have you had any reflections about your own ethnic identity or questions about your relationship to racial injustice?

Share in smaller groups if your large group is more than 7 people.

Art (2 min)

At the end of the Ignite sharing time, Christian host should say: "This piece of art has helped me reflect on hope in a broken world. I'm curious what your reactions are to this piece."

Show Better World mural, and let people share their reactions to the art.

"What stands out to you? What do you notice/like?"
Affirm their responses.



Story/Testimony (10 min)

“How are you finding hope in the midst of an unjust, broken world?”

The leader shares 30-second testimony about how God has met them, gave them courage to act, challenged them, etc. in relation to racial injustice in the last week.

GIG Invitation (1 min)

"This piece of art connects the fight against racial injustice to Jesus and the way he stood up to the oppressive powers and authorities of his time."

GIG right after (15min)

"...If you want to stay and talk for 15 minutes about the story behind the art, I'd love to chat a little longer! Otherwise, that's the end. Thanks so much for coming, and I hope we can do this again. So who wants to stay and hear the story behind the art?"

GIG another day (45-60min)

"I'm hosting a group of students to look more deeply at this art piece and the Jesus quote that inspired it. If you consider yourself spiritually curious or open, I would love to hear your perspective. Are you interested and free on [date, time]" (meet ASAP)

"Is there anyone else you know of who might want to join us?"

If they're interested but not free, find another time that works for them.

GIG Activity

The Better World proxe script or other proxe scripts (Colorblind, Hope)

Other GIGs and discussion questions from the material in Better World, Colorblind, and Hope series

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