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- Be a good listener: Being interested in people's thoughts show you truly care about them. Learn to ask questions. Do not assume that just because someone identifies with a certain religion that they hold to those same beliefs themselves. Find out exactly what *they* personally believe, and then help point them to Christ. Do your best to answer their questions. If you cannot answer a question, tell them you will do some research and get back to them. (James 1:19)
- Represent Christ well: Be characterized by both grace and truth (John 1:14). Show love and respect, while also standing confidently in the truth. Do not attack their viewpoints, get off topic, or become distracted by miscellaneous details of their beliefs. Keep the conversation focused, emphasizing the authority of God's Word and the person and work of Jesus Christ. Explain the gospel clearly and simply. Be sure to use your testimony as an example of God's saving power.

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