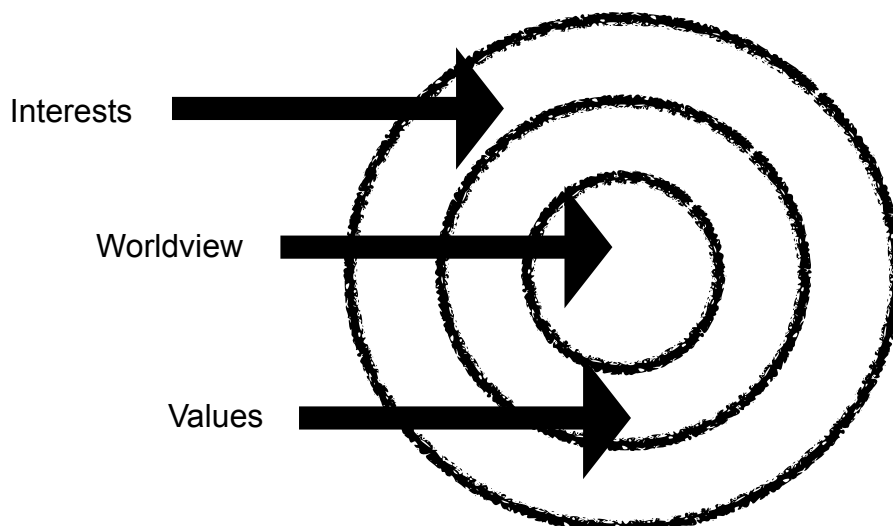




## Crossing the Pain Line: Luke 10:25-37

In the final 2 session of our series 'Family on Mission' we are going to be thinking about crossing the pain line and looking to have conversations with people about Jesus. It can feel like crossing the pain line because we are not sure what kind of reaction we will face as we begin to talk about Jesus. We should expect both hostility and hunger.

- 1) How have you found trying to speak to people about Jesus? How do you feel about having conversations about faith?
- 2) In Luke chapter 10 verses 25-37 Jesus models to us having a meaningful conversation engaging the person he's speaking with. Read through the passage. What strikes you about how Jesus engages with the man?
- 3) On 2 occasions Jesus asks questions. Questions are a great way to move a conversations deeper. We tend to have conversations at 3 layers:





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**Interests:** talking about things like the weather, what we did at the weekend and what we've watched recently. This is the small talk level of conversation.

**Values:** making statements about preferences. eg I prefer football to rugby. There is a risk in moving to this level as we will have different views and we could disagree.

**Worldview:** these are conversations about what we believe. What's wrong with the world? Is there a God? Are humans essentially good or evil? Do you have a faith?...

4) Have a think about some of your friends or family who don't yet believe in Jesus. Think about their interests and values. What questions could you ask that would enable the conversation to go deeper and move towards thinking about worldviews? Will you pray for opportunities to move conversations deeper with people?

5) Jesus also models to us listening well - actively listening to people. It can be all too easy to look like we're listening but we are not really. We can think sharing our faith means we need to do lots of talking. First we need to really listen - let them speak first so we can begin to understand their views. It may help to think about active listening by trying to hear, understand and feel:



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- **Hear:** be able to demonstrate that we've heard what our friends are saying;
- **Understand:** be able to demonstrate that we've understood what our friends are saying (perhaps by summarising to them what we think they have said);
- **Feel:** be able to demonstrate that we empathise with our friends emotions by describing what they are feeling.

Have you thought of 2 people you will commit to praying for for 2 minutes each day? 2 people who don't yet know Jesus. We're calling to **2 for 2**. Spend some time praying for them and for conversations marked by good questions and good listening.