

GOSPEL TRANSITION

■ HEADING

At your event, you'll likely have some students attend who are new to Cru and/or interacting with a Christian group for the first time. A packing event is a great entry point to start gospel conversations with students. We want to equip you and your team with a strategy to take the conversation from school packs to gospel conversations. Below are some scenarios and questions you might want to use to lead the conversation in a spiritual direction.

The Good Samaritan (portions taken from [Humanitarian 101](#))

- Lead into the conversation by sharing Mark 12:31, "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these."
- Ask the volunteer, "So who do you think is your neighbor? Ask them to explain why. Most likely, they'll go in one of three directions."
 1. ***"Everyone is my neighbor."***
Follow up question: If everyone is your neighbor, does that mean you're responsible to help meet every need, for everyone, in every way?
 2. ***"The people in my immediate spheres of influence."***
Follow up question: If that's the case, are the kids receiving these packs your neighbor? If you're from New Jersey, are people in Uganda in your immediate sphere? Do you think there are needs in your actual spheres that you could be working to meet right now?
 3. ***"The people and needs I'm supposed to care about and help are the ones I come across."***
Follow up question: What counts as "coming across a need" and what doesn't?
- Ask the volunteer if you can share a story that Jesus tells from the Bible about who is our neighbor. Tell the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).
- After telling the story of the Good Samaritan, ask again, "So who do you think is your neighbor? Would you answer any differently now?"
- Follow the student's lead to either invite them to your weekly meeting or to meet up for coffee.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO ENGAGE WITH . . .

- So what is it about helping others that motivates you? Our team is motivated to do this work by a desire to imitate Jesus and follow his teachings to care for the poor, the sick, children, and widows. Do you come from a faith background that teaches any of these shared values?
- Do you think there's any hope for society to find an end to suffering? What would have to happen? How do you think we fix all the brokenness we see in the world?

One of our goals as we distribute the school packs is to care for the spiritual needs of the children we're interacting with as well as their physical needs. My life was completely changed when I realized I was broken and in need of Savior. We believe all people are experiencing brokenness. Does that resonate with you or do you have any spiritual beliefs?