

## Transitions

- A. Ways to **build care and friendship**  
Looking for “open-window” moments—when someone is in a transition or crisis (birth, death, job change, marital struggle, sickness, car accident, promotion)

What you can do to show care:

1. be friendly, smile, wave, talk, say their name
2. make a phone call
3. visit him/her
4. be present
5. send a card
6. give a CD
7. give a book
8. provide transportation
9. care for a child
10. offer to pray and do it
11. invite them to a church function
12. clean a house or car or...
13. provide nursing care
14. do manual chores
15. take in a meal
16. contribute financially
17. give a hug
18. listen actively
19. shop for food
20. do laundry
21. volunteer
22. tutor in a class
23. invite them to a dinner
24. invite to participate in a sport (volleyball, tennis, fishing, etc.)
25. sew for them
26. mow lawn/rake leaves/shovel snow
27. pick up mail
28. do an errand
29. ask a favor of them
30. request their advice

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- B. Here are some questions to help you **bridge into spiritual conversations**. Remember, always be warm and gracious. Don't be abrasive; let it come from love.
- \* 1 Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?
  - \* 2 After a person dies, what do you think is on the other side?
  - 3 To you, who is Jesus?
  - 4 Do you think there is a heaven or a hell?
  - 5 If you died right now, where would you go?
  - 6 If what you believe were not true would you want to know it?
  - 7 Has anyone ever taken a Bible and shown you how you can know for sure that you're going to heaven?
  - 8 What principles have formed your outlook on life?
  - 9 What do you think of the church?
  - \* 10 Are you active in church? What type of things?
  - 11 What are some of the key teachings of your church?
  - 12 What would your church say a person has to do to be sure of going to heaven?
  - 13 Do you agree with what your church teaches?
  - 14 Many I ask you a question? Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die you'd go to heaven?
  - 15 Does death scare you?
  - \* 16 If you get (that job or ...) will it really make you happy?
  - 17 Do you believe Jesus actually came back t life after He died?
  - \* 18 What do you think of Billy Graham? Have you seen him on TV?
  - 19 What do you believe happens to a person after he dies? Where did you learn that?
  - 20 If you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into my Heaven?" What would you say?
  - \* 21 Are your children involved in children's or youth activities at church?

\* Helpful for making transition in your conversation to spiritual matters; it depends on the topic, of course.