

Effectively Communicating the Gospel

1. **Listen to people** (*Prov. 18:13 and James 1:19*)
 - a. Don't debate, but seek to understand
 - b. Questions, questions, questions
 - i. Background (My favorite!)
 - ii. Opinions or advice
 - iii. Invoke the listener's imagination
 - c. Show humility
2. **Find out what has shaped the way they view the world** (*Prov. 16:25*)
 - a. Question assumptions
 - i. Why do they think their way is right?
 - ii. Gently put the burden of proof on THEM
 - b. Learn their life experiences
3. **Find out where you agree** (*Proverbs 16:21*)
 - a. Paul in Acts 17
 - i. Finds common ground by what he says
 - ii. Finds common ground by what he doesn't say
 - b. We all have things in common

4. Sharing the Gospel

- a. Be able to turn the conversation to Jesus
- b. We are living an adventure!