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Message Series: GAME PLAN: What's Your Game Plan?

Today's Message: The Ten-Second Window

1 Peter 3:15 Colossians 4:5, 6

Last Week: The Goal: "To put a stone in someone's shoe"

1. Three Challenges: Three Opportunities

Challenge 1: "It's not rational to believe in God. There is no proof."

Wise Response: "What specifically is irrational about believing in God?"

Challenge 2: "Christianity is really the same as all other religions; it's all about love. We shouldn't tell others how to live or believe."

Wise Response: "I'm curious - Did Jesus think all religions were equal?"

Challenge 3: "You can't take the Bible too seriously, because it was only written by men, and men make mistakes."

Wise Response: "Is there a reason you think the Bible is less truthful or reliable than other books?"

2. Notice The Responses

- 1) Each response is a question: questions help to draw people out and takes the pressure off of you, putting the ball in their court.
- 2) Questions protect us from jumping to conclusions and from twisting their words.
- 3) Questions open up thoughtful dialogue and help to locate a problem with the other person's thinking.

John 14:26 Isaiah 11:1, 2 John 16:7, 8 1 Corinthians 2:12, 13

3. The Advantages of Asking Questions

Essential Tactic: Never make a statement, at least at first, when a question will do the job.

Advantage 1: Sincere questions are friendly; they invite genial interaction on something the other person cares a lot about.

Advantage 2: You'll get an education, leaving the conversation knowing more than you did before.

Advantage 3: Questions often start conversations; Jesus did this often!

Luke 20:20-23

Luke 20:24 "*Show me a Roman coin. Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"*

Luke 20:1-2

Luke 20:3, 4 "*Jesus replied— Let me ask you a question first. John's Baptism—was it from heaven or merely human?"*

Mark 2:6-9

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John 15:5, 7, 8