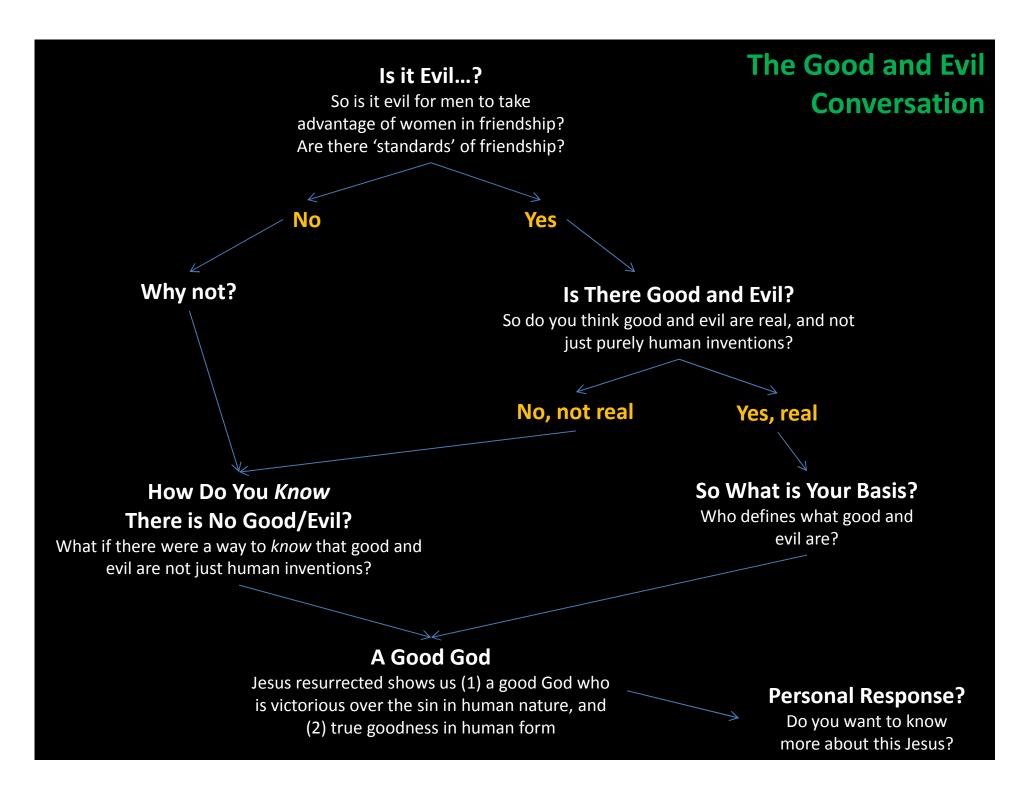
Is a Good Friend Hard to Find? Proxe Station Instructions

Conversation Trees

Caveats

- This is a bare bones outline
- Be more personal than this



Human Nature Problem? The Human Nature All these friendship fails – does it mean **Conversation** that human nature is messed up? No Yes This is As Good As It Gets? Then Who Can Heal Us? So do you think that we Is there anyone who can will always be selfish? heal our human nature? No One No **Don't Know** We Can Why? **Change Ourselves?** Can Jesus Heal Us? Why do you Can I tell you about how my Yes, we are always changing somewhat. think that? What if relationship with Jesus But can we be socially trained? And by there were evidence impacts my life and my whose 'standards' of friendship? that human nature Go to the Good and Evil Conversation friendships? could be healed? There is Evidence Jesus resurrected shows us (1) a good God who is victorious over the sin in human nature, and **Personal Response?** (2) true goodness in human form Do you want to know more about this Jesus?

What Kind of God?

Do we need to have a relational God for relationships to matter?

The Character of God Conversation

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Yes

A Passive, Impersonal God?

So if your God is passive, distant, or impersonal, how does friendship matter?

If God is passive, how can he command us to be loving? Hypocrisy?

An Active, Personal God?

So if your God is active and involved, what is God doing about human evil and selfishness?

Commanding Us

Judging Us

Healing Us

Consistency and Integrity Problem

Don't you need an active, personal God who loves each person, and is trying to be our friend, in order for friendship to really matter? Commanding us and judging us just aren't enough, are they?

An Active, Personal, Loving God

Jesus shows us: (1) a Triune God who is relational in His very nature; (2) a loving God who overcomes the selfishness in human nature, in a loving way; (3) true goodness and friendship in human form.

Personal Response?

Do you want to know more about this Jesus?