



"The soul never thinks without a mental picture."

— Aristotle

SOULARIUM™

A DIALOGUE IN PICTURES

Just as sunlight illuminates a solarium, Soularium opens a window to the soul.

Soularium provides 50 images and a few simple questions to allow you to explore the lives of people around you. Something unique happens when we look at an image. It conjures up associations that are as unique as we are. Our experience shapes what we see.

"The question is not what you look at, but what you see."

— Henry David Thoreau

Everyone is on a spiritual journey. You can come alongside another person on their journey by exploring where they've been, where they are now, and where they're headed. Asking questions and genuinely listening can open a door to significant spiritual conversations about Jesus.

To learn more about Soularium, check out the free videos, articles, and resources at CruPressGreen.com/Soularium

HOW TO BEGIN

1. Before using Soularium with others, answer the questions yourself. Share your answers with a friend.
2. Pray for God to open doors for significant conversations. See Colossians 4:2-6.
3. Start a conversation—with anyone, anywhere! (Work, school, neighborhood...)

HOW TO INTRODUCE SOULARIUM

Watch the video, [Soularium: Getting Started](#) on CruPressGreen.com

With a friend you might say:

"Would you be willing to tell me about your spiritual journey sometime? I have a set of images that helps people share about their experiences."

With someone you don't know you might say:

"I've got a set of images that help people share about their lives and spiritual journeys. It's called Soularium. Would you be willing to choose the images that describe your experiences?"

If they ask: Why are you doing this?

"I'm really interested in what matters to other people spiritually. So... would you be willing to share about some of your experiences?"

"My church (or other group) wants to understand what people in our community desire in life and spirituality. Would you be willing to share about some of your experiences?"

THE CONVERSATION

After your introduction, hand the set of images to the person and ask the questions. (See the QUESTIONS card at the back of the pack.)

Allow them time to select their images. There's no rush. Then listen as they describe their choices.

IMPORTANT TIP! As you listen, look for connections between their story and yours. What experiences and desires do you have in common?

WHAT YOU MIGHT SAY NEXT

Watch the video, *Soularium: Going Deeper on CruPressGreen.com*.

Once the “official” questions are finished, simply ask permission to continue the conversation.

- » *“Well, that’s the end of the questions. Thanks for telling me about your journey.”*
- » *“I was really intrigued when you said _____. Will you tell me more about that?”*
- » *“Can I show you which image I chose for _____ and why?” (e.g. Which image I chose to describe God and why?)*
- » *“You said that you wished life were _____ (e.g. less stressful). I can relate to that. Can I share a little about how my relationship with God has helped me?”*
- » *“You said that you wished _____ were true of your spiritual life. How have you tried to pursue that?”*
- » *“Can I share with you about my journey?”*
- » *“Can I share how God’s story might relate to that?”*

You can also suggest they check out the Soularium website:
MySoularium.com

Soularium is designed to create an environment where you can dialogue authentically with someone about their spiritual journey. Don't miss out on the rewards of truly listening to someone.

“The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood...The best way to understand people is to listen to them.”

—Ralph G. Nichols

Ralph G. Nichols, The Struggle to be Human, Speech presented at the International Listening Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.









