# Bilingual Conversation Scripts Pack Respectful Evangelism in Poland

This pack equips mission teams in Poland with ready-to-use bilingual conversation starters and short scripts. Every phrase has been selected to be respectful, culturally sensitive, and easy to remember. The goal is not to memorize a speech but to provide natural openings that invite Poles into dialogue. Use these scripts as scaffolding—listen carefully, adapt with humility, and always ask permission before going deeper.



### **Core Principles Before Using Scripts**

#### **Listen First**

Ask questions before offering your story or Scripture.

#### **Be Brief**

Testimonies should be two minutes or less.

#### **Stay Positive**

Focus on Christ, not on criticizing Catholic traditions.

#### **Use Polish**

Even short greetings show respect.

#### **Ask Permission**

Always say: "Can I share a short story with you?"



## **Basic Greetings**

English	Polish	Notes
Good day / hello	Dzień dobry	Polite, used until evening.
Thank you	Dziękuję	Smile, eye contact.
Please	Proszę	Adds courtesy.
My name is	Mam na imię	Introduce yourself simply.
Nice to meet you	Miło mi cię poznać	Good first impression.



### **Conversation Starters**

These questions are open-ended and non-threatening.

#### What gives you hope?

Co daje ci nadzieję?

Great for cafés or student clubs.

## What values are most important in your family?

Jakie wartości są najważniejsze w twojej rodzinie?

Builds rapport in family settings.

#### When have you felt closest to God?

Kiedy czułeś/czułaś się najbliżej Boga?

Works in both urban and rural contexts.

## Would you like to read a short story about Jesus together?

Czy chciałbyś/chciałabyś przeczytać krótką historię o lezusie razem?

Transition into Scripture.



## **Two-Minute Testimony Script (Template)**

#### **English Version:**

- **Before Christ** "There was a time in my life when I felt..."
- **Encounter** "What changed everything for me was meeting Jesus..."
- **Now** "Since then, I have found..."
- Invitation "Would you like to hear a short story about Jesus?"

#### Polish Version (simple phrasing):

- Przed Chrystusem "Był czas w moim życiu, kiedy czułem/czułam się…"
- Spotkanie "Wszystko zmieniło się, gdy poznałem/poznałam Jezusa…"
- Teraz "Od tego czasu doświadczam…"
- Zaproszenie "Czy chciałbyś/chciałabyś usłyszeć krótką historię o Jezusie?"

Tip: Practice in pairs. Keep under 120 seconds.





## Scripture Discovery Questions

When reading a short Gospel passage (in Polish), ask these three universal questions:



#### Co zauważyłeś?

What stood out to you?



#### Co cię zaskoczyło?

What surprised you?



#### Co to może znaczyć dla życia dzisiaj?

What might this mean for life today?

These questions empower participants to explore truth without feeling pressured.



### **Transition Phrases**

#### **For Continuing Conversations**

**English:** "Would you like to continue this conversation next week?"

**Polish:** Czy chciałbyś/chciałabyś kontynuować tę rozmowę w przyszłym tygodniu?

#### **For Group Invitations**

**English:** "Could we meet again with some friends to read another story?"

**Polish:** Czy możemy spotkać się ponownie z kilkoma znajomymi, aby przeczytać kolejną historię?





# Safeguarding Reminders & Final Encouragement

#### Safeguarding Reminders

- Always exchange contact details in supervised groups, not one-toone.
- Use group chats moderated by Polish believers.
- Ask explicit permission before photos or recordings.

#### **Final Encouragement**

Scripts are not substitutes for relationships. They are scaffolding for natural dialogue. The real work is done by listening carefully, offering invitations, and letting Scripture speak.

Your task is not to close the deal but to open doors. Respect, humility, and authenticity will always speak louder than a rehearsed script.

