

CD702: Working with People  
Irreligious Person Interview  
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I decided to have this conversation with Kayla, my 23 year- old nail technician. I figured with her not being religious and being a millennial, it would make for great conversation. We had this conversation during my nail appointment, which was a good atmosphere where she was comfortable.

When I asked her if I would speak to her about God, how would she like me to represent Him, Kayla quickly replied “that’s a good question,” but then paused for a moment. She seemed to have been stumped and it looked like she didn’t know how to answer. I assured her this wasn’t a trick question and there’s no right or wrong answer; I wanted her honest opinion. After a moment, Kayla responded that she didn’t want me (or anyone for that matter) to approach her in the street. She didn’t like how people would come and be intrusive in her space trying to “shove the Bible down her throat.”

Kayla shared a story about how when she was younger, she went to a Christian camp in the summer with a friend of hers. She said it was really cool because they played games and did things that children do to have fun. However, when it was time to worship things took a turn. Initially, I thought the issue was bad but turns out it was good. Kayla shared that at some point the leaders were talking about Jesus and all of the youth started crying. Her and her friend looked at each other and thought “this is stimulating.” I chuckled because she was very serious with her description. She then proceeded to tell me how after the meeting they encouraged the children to walk around the grounds of the camp. She said as her and her friend walked they saw children crying (they were crying in worship). She thought to herself “are they using manipulation?” I

responded by telling her that typically people don't want to be inundated by the Bible and don't want it to go over their heads when it is explained, but then question when it is explained in terms that is relatable or on their level of understanding, they think the wool is being pulled over their eyes (so to speak). Kayla agreed, but noted that it was the only time she was interested in learning about God. It was an experience she never forgot but admittedly, has not been to church since then. She said she used to go to church but stopped because it became weird.

Kayla shared that story to drive home the point that she would want me to be authentic and organic in my approach. She said she didn't like "scammy" looking preachers and people who condemned other people while they seemingly lived a life of perfection on the outside, but was far from it behind closed doors. She would like to be approached by real people who were genuine, had real testimonies and weren't afraid or ashamed to tell their story.