



SUICIDE INTERVENTION

CONVERSATION DO'S & DON'TS

DO	DON'T
Create a safe, private space	Dismiss or minimize their feelings
Ask open-ended questions	Try to fix everything
Listen actively and empathetically	Promise secrecy
Ask directly about suicide	Judge or preach
Take all statements seriously	Interrupt or rush the conversation
Stay calm and offer hope	Ignore warning signs
Involve others	Assume feeling better is all better
Follow up	Make it about you

PROCLAIM CHRIST

- This suffering is temporary (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
- Embrace suffering (Philippians 1:29-30)
- We have a purpose (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- We do not suffer alone (Galatians 6:2)
- Heirs with Christ in suffering and glory (Romans 8:17)
- We have a living hope (1 Peter 1:3)

IMMEDIATE ENGAGEMENT

- Remove means of harm
- Contact family
- Call a crisis line or 911
- Escort to help