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## Becoming More Approachable to Non-believers Discussion Guide

### **Section 1**

Discuss what you applied from the last Overflow Show.

Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8-2:2

Do you see this passage as referring to believers? If so, what does this passage say about believers and sin?

### **Section 2**

Go to [www.OverflowShow.com](http://www.OverflowShow.com) and listen to the 5 minute podcast titled Becoming More Approachable to Non-believers.

### **Section 3**

What stood out to you as you listened?

Do any of you have non-Christian friends that you hang out with and are able to talk pretty deeply with? What factors have made that possible?

What is the key question post-moderns ask when considering Christianity? Is that surprising?

What are some preconceptions that non-Christians have of Christians? What is our image? What are your thoughts on that?

Discuss why Christians, being vulnerable about our flaws, can make non-Christians feel more comfortable?

If your life were to have this “come as you are” flavor, how might you live that out in what you say and do with a non-Christian friend?

Turn in groups of 2 and discuss 1 or 2 areas of weakness in your life, big or small. (5 minutes).

Share with the larger group one of your weaknesses and discuss together how you might weave that into a conversation with a non-Christian.

Discuss the balance between being vulnerable and not shrinking back from sharing truth. *If you never end up verbally sharing the gospel with your friend, he'll mistakenly assume that going to heaven is based on good works.*

## **Section 4**

What are some ways we could apply something from this podcast this week in our relations with a non-Christian?

*Suggestion: Ask a non-Christian for advice on how he handles an area of life that you struggle with.*

The Overflow Show highly recommends the book NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED by John Burke, from Zondervan Publishing House.