

ENGAGING SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

We're Not Religious

Talking with my neighbor I invited her and her husband to our Easter celebration at church. She replied with implied resignation, "We're just not religious."

I responded kindly, "That is not required."

Her stammering response showed one or more interpretations:

- a. Her self-described lack of religiosity might not be an adequate defense against participating in worship;
- b. She struggled to be socially polite while wanting to say no to the invitation;
- c. She sensed more was happening than the surface conversation.