

The New Bridge Diagram Script

When a person asks the question, "what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ?", we have found that the easiest way to share the message of Jesus is through a simple diagram. You would get into the conversation by saying something like:

The best way I can explain how a person becomes a follower of Jesus Christ is through a simple diagram. Here's how it goes. Put the word "us" on one side and "God" on the other side. Then, write the word "sin" between the two words. Explain that because of our sin, there is separation between God and us. The Bible says that all of us have sinned and fall short of being good enough to go to heaven. We can't make it to the other side on our own. Some people think, "if I am a good person then I can make it to the other side on my own," or "if I go to church and become a really religious person I can make it to the other side on my own." But the Bible says that no matter how hard we try to get to the other side, we can't make it to the other side on our own, because of the sins that we have committed.

Thankfully, God saw the mess we were in, and because God loved us so much, He sent His son, Jesus, to bridge the gap between God and us. (Draw the cross over our sin.) Jesus died for all the sins that we have committed. You see, at twelve-noon, the sky grew dark as midnight as Jesus hung on the cross. It was at this time that all of our sin was placed on Jesus, and when that happened, Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" God the Father is holy and He cannot be in the presence of sin, so God the Father turned His back on Jesus as all of our sin fell upon Him. Jesus became the payment for our sin that we owed a holy God.

One of the last things Jesus said before He died was, "It is finished." That saying in the first century meant paid in full. Jesus paid our sin debt in full, and now we have access to God through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. You see, Jesus didn't stay dead, but three days later, He rose again from the dead. Jesus promises, to those who put their faith and trust in Him, that when we die, we get to go to heaven to be with Him forever. Asking Jesus into your life is as easy as 1, 2, 3, or A, B, C.

1. Admit you are a sinner.

Have you ever sinned? Everyone has, but it is not enough to just admit that you have sinned. You have to repent of your sin. Repent means we must turn away from our sin. I was once living for myself, but now I want to live for God.

2. Believe that Jesus is God's Son who died on the cross for you and rose again from the dead.

Most people believe that to be true. In James 2, it says that even the demons believe and shudder with fear, so it's not enough to just believe some facts about Jesus. You have to do step three.

3. Commit your life to Jesus.

You say, "Jesus, everything I am and everything I hope to be, I give it over to You. Take my life and use it. I don't want to live for myself anymore. I want to live for You."

After I share this, I always ask them, "Where do you see yourself? Here at number one or number two or number three?" Most of the time they say, "I am at number two. I know that I am a sinner, and I believe that Jesus is God's Son, who died for me and rose again, but I have never committed my life to Him." I look them in the eye,



and I ask them, "Is there any reason why you wouldn't want to commit your life to Jesus today?" If they say, "No," I pray with them, and I pray right through the three steps...

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose again. I commit my life to You. Everything I am and everything I hope to be, I give it to You. I love You, and I thank You for forgiving me and loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If they say, "I'm not ready," I just look them in the eye, and I tell them they are going to burn in hell forever. No, I don't do that. I leave it at that. I thank them for letting me share this with them, and I hand them the paper and wait for another opportunity. Understand that the next time I see them I might not bring this back up for weeks or I might bring it back up immediately. I need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, not shove God down their throat, but be sensitive to the situation.

Jesus looked at the disciples one day and said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38

I think we would all be surprised at how many people would love to have a conversation with us about eternal things. They are probably wondering why we haven't brought it up before since it is supposed to be the most important aspect of our life.