

Lesson #1: Salvation



Steps to Peace with God

1. God's Purpose in Creation - Tell the Creation story

According to this story, what is God's purpose for your life? _____

2. The Problem: Separation from God

What do the following verses say about sin? (See also Isaiah 59:2 and 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

Romans 3:23 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

All Have Sinned: Like the first man and woman, all people like us since then have sinned by not listening to God's commands and are separated from God. The result of sin is eternal punishment in hell. We cannot live forever with God as we were designed.

Have you ever sinned? Yes No I don't know (Unsure? read Exodus 20:1-17)

Which statement best describes what you believe? What is wrong with the others?

- a. I have made a few mistakes, but mostly I am still a good person.
- b. A loving God wouldn't send anyone to hell - just really evil people.
- c. I have sinned against God, so I deserve death and eternal separation from God.

What are some ways people try to get to God and fail?

The Bridge Illustration

3. God's Bridge: the Cross!

People try many ways to bridge the gap between themselves and God, but Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me." (John 14:6) What do the following verses say about what God has done for us?

Romans 5:8 _____

1 Peter 3:18 _____

● Tell the Story of Two Brothers ●

4. Our Response: Receive Jesus

1 John 5:12 says, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son does not have life." What do the following verses say we must do to receive Jesus and God's offer of salvation?

Romans 10:9 _____

Acts 2:37-38 _____

Have you received Jesus into your life? Yes No (if "no" see the Decision to Accept Jesus section on the back)

Have you been baptized? Yes No (if "no" see the Baptism section on the back)

➔ **Write out 3 people who don't know Jesus. Set a time to share the Gospel with them this week.**

Use the lesson as a template for follow up. _____