

Navigators KMI 2010

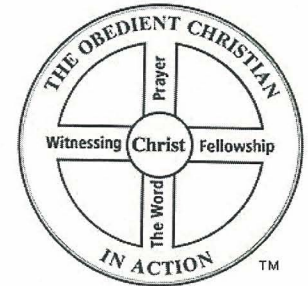
Discipleship 101

I. Introduction

- A. Introduce myself and this workshop.
- B. *Why are you here? What do you hope to learn from this workshop?*
- C. Overview
- D. Presupposition: Assurance of Salvation – 1 John 5:11-13

II. Discipleship

- A. *What does being Christ's Disciple mean to you?*
- B. Disciple: mathetes (math-ay-tes'); a learner, pupil: one who follows another's (Christ's) teaching.
 - 1. This word is found 269 times in the New Testament.
 - 2. The word for 'Christian' is found only 3 times and the word for 'believer' is found only twice.
- C. Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son ...
- D. 2 Kings 2:1-2 And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.



III. Christ is the Center of My Life

- A. John 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- B. In the Wheel Illustration, the hub (Christ) should continue to enlarge, the spokes should become thicker and the rim more solid.
 - 1. Col 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.
 - 2. Phil 2:9-11 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - 3. *What position does Christ have in the universe?*
 - 4. *What position should He have in your life?*
- C. Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords, has always existed and always will. Not all people allow Him to be the center of their lives, but that does not alter the fact of His lordship. All will someday acknowledge Christ as Lord, but the privilege of acknowledging His lordship and allowing Him to be the center of **your life** is possible now. It is a decision followed by daily practice.
 - 1. *Why might someone be reluctant to give Jesus access to every area of his/her life?*
 - 2. *What fears have prevented you from giving Him access to every area of your life?*
- D. Luke 9:23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross **daily** and follow Me.
 - 1. Deny: arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee); to contradict, disavow, reject, renounce, refuse.
 - 2. Cross: stauros (stow-ros'); a stake or post (as set upright), (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial
 - 3. Follow: akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); to be in the same way with, to accompany as a disciple
 - 4. *What does making Christ the center of your life mean to you personally?*
 - 5. To me, this means to sacrifice my agenda and will for my life and replace it with His agenda and will for my life.

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- IV. Obedience to Christ** - 1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.
- A. At the moment you placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, a life of obedience to God became an expected reality. The Holy Spirit set you free from sin and death (Rom 8:1-2), and He came to live within you. The Holy Spirit enables you to live in harmony with Jesus.
1. *What are some similarities between how children obey their parents and the way we obey God?*
- B. Deut 10:12-13 "Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD'S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?
1. Obedience was a requirement of the law.
- C. John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."
1. Jesus taught that we demonstrate our love for God by obeying Him.
 2. *What's the difference between the OT law and Jesus' teaching?*
 3. *What does Jesus promise us when we walk in obedience?*
 4. *Why is obeying God so difficult? Why don't we walk in obedience all of the time?*
- D. Sources of TEMPTATION
1. James 1:13-15 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. (See also Gal 5:16-18)
 2. Matt 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
 - a. *Who remembers Flip Wilson from the 1970s? What phrase did he popularize?*
 3. 1 John 2:15-16 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
- E. VICTORY Over Temptation
1. 1 Cor 10:12-13 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.
 2. Rom 6:11-14 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
 3. Heb 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- F. We obey God because of who He is and what He has initiated in our lives. He has given us His Holy Spirit, through whom we have the power to resist temptation. To the extent that we appropriate this provision for Victory, we can experience a life of obedience – Holy and pleasing to God.

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Today we'll be discussing the fundamental disciplines of our faith.

2 Tim 2:1-2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

God's Word

- G. *How would you respond to a skeptic's statement that the Bible is merely a book written by men and is no different from any other book?*
- H. 2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
1. Teaching: God's Word instructs us and leads us down the path of life.
 2. Reproof: God's Word convicts us when we sin and stray from His path.
 3. Correction: God's Word shows us how we can get back on the path.
 4. Training in Righteousness: God's Word shows us how to stay on the path and avoid sin.
- I. Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
1. *Describe some ways where you think God's Word has been 'living and active' in your life.*
- J. Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.
1. Study the law of the Lord: Understand it.
 2. Practice it: Apply it in my life.
 3. Teach His statutes and ordinances: Pass it on to others by my example and my words.
- K. *What are some ways we can learn God's Word?*
1. Hearing knowledgeable teachers. Unfortunately, we remember only 10% of what we hear.
 2. Daily Devotional Time – Read through the Bible in one or two years.
 - a. Mark 1:35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.
 - b. Planned time _____ place _____ amount of time _____
 - c. Planned Scripture to read each day.
 - d. Spiritual Notebook or Journal to record scriptures, thoughts, and applications.
 - e. This is a solemn, unhurried time of meeting Jesus and having fellowship with Him.
 3. Bible Reading Plan. We remember about 20% of what we read.
 - a. We can also have extended periods of Bible reading time. In extended Bible reading, we might read an entire book of the Bible or several chapters in one sitting.
 - b. Extended Bible Reading helps us understand overviews and themes of Biblical writings.
 - c. However, a reading plan does not personalize your time with God like devotional reading does.
 4. Bible Study. We remember about 40% - 50% of what we study.
 - a. Intense Bible study involves cross-referencing with other Scriptures, researching Hebrew or Greek definitions for words, or going through a topical Bible study book or workbook.
 - b. Bible study opens up the details of a passage and how it relates to the whole teaching of Scripture.
 5. Memorizing Scripture. We remember 100% of everything we commit to memory!
 - a. Writing verses on cards and committing them to memory.
 - b. Memorize by saying the topic, reference, verse and the reference again (ref. fore and aft).
 - c. Memorize one phrase at a time, adding phrases until you can quote the entire verse.
 - d. Review the verse by quoting it daily (or multiple times a day) for at least ten weeks.
 - e. Keep reviewing the verse once a week.
 - f. Memorize one verse each week. (How many would you memorize each year?)

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V. Prayer

- A. *What are some thoughts that come to mind when you think of prayer?*
1. Phil 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
 - a. *Don't worry about anything. Pray about everything! – Bob Potter*
 2. John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
 3. James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
 4. Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.
 5. 1 Thes 5:16-18 Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
 6. Jer 33:3 "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."
- B. *What are some things that these passages teach us about prayer?*
- C. *What are the different ways to pray?*
- D. *When should we pray?*
1. During our devotional time – responding to God about what we read in His Word
 2. With others during fellowship times
 3. 1 Thes 5:17: All the time?
 4. When we learn about a specific need
- E. *About what should we pray?*
1. Adoration: Praising and worshiping God, acknowledging who He is, His character & attributes
 2. Confession: 1 John 1:9 – confessing our sins to Him and working through repentance
 3. Thanksgiving: Thanking God for blessings and trials (Romans 5:3-5) in our lives.
 4. Supplication: Specific prayers for others and our own circumstances.
- F. Create a prayer journal (in your spiritual notebook) with at least one page for each person for whom you pray.
1. List dates, prayer thoughts, and answers to prayers.
 2. Pray through your prayer journal a little each day.
- G. Quotes that motivate us to pray
1. *Prayer is a privilege! Prayer does not prepare us for the ministry ... prayer IS the ministry. – Mike Fisher*
 2. *The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I don't mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who can explain prayer, but I mean those people who take time and pray. They have not the time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important and pressing, but still less important and pressing than prayer. – S. D. Gordon*
 3. *We should pray when we are in a praying mood, for it would be sinful to neglect so fair an opportunity. We should pray when we are not in a proper mood, for it would be dangerous to remain in so unhealthy a condition. – Charles H. Spurgeon*
 4. *To him who is so busy that he says I cannot afford time to pray, most assuredly cannot afford NOT to pray!*
- H. Read George Muller – Man of Faith and Miracles by Basil Miller. This book is a biography of one of the greatest prayer-warriors of the past century.

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VI. Fellowship

- A. *What comes to your mind when you think of fellowship? What are some examples?*
- B. The Body of Christ
1. Col 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.
 2. Rom 12:4-5 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of (belonging to) another.
 3. 1 Cor 12:1-31 Paul's discourse on the members of the body. All are important. (Eye, foot, etc.)
 4. 1 John 1:3 ... what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.
 - a. Fellowship: koinonia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); partnership, sharing in common i.e. (literally) participation, to communicate, communion, distribution.
 5. Heb 10:24-25 ... and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
- C. Sharing in Common – What should we share?
1. 1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
 2. Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.
 3. 2 Cor 9:6 Now this I say, he who sows (money) sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
 4. 1 Thes 2:8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.
 5. James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
- D. Benefits of Fellowship
1. Prov 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.
 2. Eccl 4:9-10 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.
 3. Heb 3:13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- E. Harmony with Other Believers
1. Is there someone in the body of Christ with whom you have a strained or broken relationship?
 2. Is there sin that should be confessed or should forgiveness be extended, so that you are reconciled?
 - a. Rom 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
 - b. What steps can you take to bring harmony to this individual?
- F. God did not intend for us to be lone rangers. He desires that we be interdependent with one another, sharing our joys, sorrows and difficulties. We must overcome the autonomous nature of our culture and intentionally seek vital relationships with other disciples. Life is too short to 'go it alone'.

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Witnessing

- G. **What parallels do you see between fishing for fish and fishing for people?**
- H. Preach the Word! If necessary, use WORDS!
1. Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ...
- I. Matt 4:19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
1. What is my responsibility?
 2. What is God's responsibility?
- J. Two Themes of the Bible: Gen 22:15-16 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,
1. Gen 22:17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.
 - a. God loves us as individuals.
 2. Gen 22:18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
 - a. Through His love, God wants us to love the entire world.
- K. Gerasene Demoniac – Mark 5:1-20 – Champion Witness for Christ
1. Mark 5:17-18 And they began to implore Him to leave their region. As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him.
 - a. People of Decapolis 'implore Jesus to leave their region'. (They didn't "know" Him).
 2. Mark 5:19-20 "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.
 - a. Formerly demon-possessed man commissioned to proclaim Christ in Decapolis.
 3. Mark 7:31-32 Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. They brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him.
 - a. On His return to Decapolis, the people 'implored Him' to heal. He also fed 4,000 people there. (They wanted to "know" Him).
- L. YBH ... Yes, but how?
1. Develop my own personal testimony.
 2. Learn and practice the Bridge Illustration.
- M. Witnessing is not merely an activity – it is a way of life. Disciples don't "do witnessing"; we are witnesses whether good or bad. Some people never read the Bible and seldom attend church. If you want them to know what Jesus can do for them, show them what He has done for you.

VII. Final Thoughts on this Workshop

- A. *What are one or two things that you can apply in your life immediately?* _____

- B. *What are two or three things that you want to work toward and apply later?* _____

- C. Hab 2:2-3 Then the LORD answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets that the one who reads it may run. "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.

DEVOTION JOURNAL

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Best verse God spoke to me today: _____
Paraphrase: _____

What is God telling me personally? _____

My response back to God: _____

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2/24/10	Wed	Gen	3	1	-	3	24	Ps	3	1	-	3	8	Matt	2	1	-	2	12
2/25/10	Thu	Gen	4	1	-	4	26	Ps	4	1	-	4	8	Matt	2	13	-	2	23
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Nbr	Category	Topic	Book	Ch	Beg	End
1	Assurances	Assurance of Salvation	1 John	5	11	12
2	Assurances	Assurance of Answered Prayer	John	16	24	24
3	Assurances	Assurance of Victory	1 Corinthians	10	13	13
4	Assurances	Assurance of Forgiveness	1 John	1	9	9
5	Assurances	Assurance of Guidance	Proverbs	3	5	6
6	Live the New Life	Christ the Center	2 Corinthians	5	17	17
7	Live the New Life	Christ the Center	Galatians	2	20	20
8	Live the New Life	Obedience to Christ	Romans	12	1	1
9	Live the New Life	Obedience to Christ	John	14	21	21
10	Live the New Life	The Word	2 Timothy	3	16	16
11	Live the New Life	The Word	Joshua	1	8	8
12	Live the New Life	Prayer	John	15	7	7
13	Live the New Life	Prayer	Philippians	4	6	7
14	Live the New Life	Fellowship	1 John	1	3	3
15	Live the New Life	Fellowship	Hebrews	10	24	25
16	Live the New Life	Witnessing	Matthew	4	19	19
17	Live the New Life	Witnessing	Romans	1	16	16
18	Proclaim Christ	All Have Sinned	Romans	3	23	23
19	Proclaim Christ	All Have Sinned	Isaiah	53	6	6
20	Proclaim Christ	Sin's Penalty	Romans	6	23	23
21	Proclaim Christ	Sin's Penalty	Hebrews	9	27	27
22	Proclaim Christ	Christ Paid the Penalty	Romans	5	8	8
23	Proclaim Christ	Christ Paid the Penalty	1 Peter	3	18	18
24	Proclaim Christ	Salvation Not by Works	Ephesians	2	8	9
25	Proclaim Christ	Salvation Not by Works	Titus	3	5	5
26	Proclaim Christ	Must Receive Christ	John	1	12	12
27	Proclaim Christ	Must Receive Christ	Romans	10	9	10
28	Proclaim Christ	Assurance of Salvation	1 John	5	13	13
29	Proclaim Christ	Assurance of Salvation	John	5	24	24
30	Be Christ's Disciple	Put Christ First	Matthew	6	33	33
31	Be Christ's Disciple	Put Christ First	Luke	9	23	23
32	Be Christ's Disciple	Separate from the World	1 John	2	15	16
33	Be Christ's Disciple	Separate from the World	Romans	12	2	2
34	Be Christ's Disciple	Be Steadfast	1 Corinthians	15	58	58
35	Be Christ's Disciple	Be Steadfast	Hebrews	12	3	3
36	Be Christ's Disciple	Serve Others	Mark	10	45	45
37	Be Christ's Disciple	Serve Others	2 Corinthians	4	5	5
38	Be Christ's Disciple	Give Generously	Proverbs	3	9	10
39	Be Christ's Disciple	Give Generously	2 Corinthians	9	6	7
40	Be Christ's Disciple	Develop World Vision	Acts	1	8	8
41	Be Christ's Disciple	Develop World Vision	Matthew	28	19	20
42	Grow in Christlikeness	Love	John	13	34	35
43	Grow in Christlikeness	Love	1 John	3	18	18
44	Grow in Christlikeness	Humility	Philippians	2	3	4
45	Grow in Christlikeness	Humility	1 Peter	5	5	6
46	Grow in Christlikeness	Purity	Ephesians	5	3	3
47	Grow in Christlikeness	Purity	1 Peter	2	11	11
48	Grow in Christlikeness	Honesty	Leviticus	19	11	11
49	Grow in Christlikeness	Honesty	Acts	24	16	16
50	Grow in Christlikeness	Faith	Hebrews	11	6	6
51	Grow in Christlikeness	Faith	Romans	4	20	21
52	Grow in Christlikeness	Good Works	Galatians	6	9	10
53	Grow in Christlikeness	Good Works	Matthew	5	16	16
54	Rely on God's Resources	His Spirit	1 Corinthians	3	16	16
55	Rely on God's Resources	His Spirit	1 Corinthians	2	12	12
56	Rely on God's Resources	His Strength	Isaiah	41	10	10
57	Rely on God's Resources	His Strength	Philippians	4	13	13
58	Rely on God's Resources	His Faithfulness	Lamentations	3	22	23
59	Rely on God's Resources	His Faithfulness	Numbers	23	19	19
60	Rely on God's Resources	His Peace	Isaiah	26	3	3
61	Rely on God's Resources	His Peace	1 Peter	5	7	7
62	Rely on God's Resources	His Provision	Romans	8	32	32
63	Rely on God's Resources	His Provision	Philippians	4	19	19
64	Rely on God's Resources	His Help in Temptation	Hebrews	2	18	18
65	Rely on God's Resources	His Help in Temptation	Psalms	119	9	11

The Bridge to Life

A Tool for Sharing the Gospel

Your non-Christian friends may have many questions before they are ready to trust Christ. But one thing *all* of them need at some point is a clear explanation of the Gospel and how they must respond to receive God's gift. Are you ready to provide this crucial information clearly? This "Bridge Illustration" can be sketched out anytime, anywhere, in 15 or 20 minutes. When you draw out the Bridge for a friend, you walk them through four major points of the Gospel:

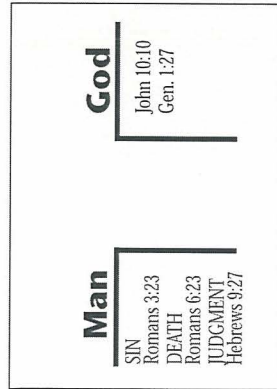
(I) *God's Love (II.) Man's Problem (III.) God's Remedy (IV.) Man's Response*
As you draw out the illustration, turn to each Scripture reference and have your friend read it. Included with each step of the diagram are several questions for you to ask. These will help you understand what your friend thinks about his/her relationship with God.

I. God's Love

God created us in His own image to be His friend and to experience a full life assured of His love. But He didn't make us robots—He gave us the freedom of choice.

Q1 What do you think it means to really live life to the fullest?

Q2 How are God and mankind different?

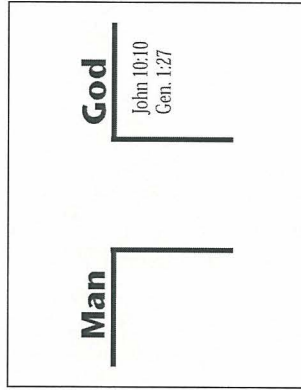


II. Man's Problem

Mankind has chosen to disobey God and thus become separated from Him. This separation means the penalty of an eternal spiritual death.

Q3 Have you ever wanted to talk to God but He seemed far away?

Q4 When you think of death, what do you think of?

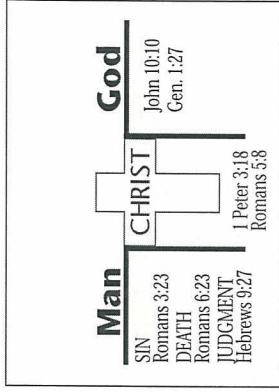


III. God's Remedy

On our own, we cannot attain the perfection needed to bridge the gap between mankind and God. Christ's death alone is adequate for our sin and bridges the gulf between God and man.

Q5 If death can be defined as separation from God, what is life?

Q6 Why did Christ die?

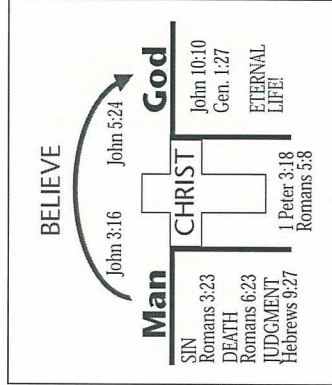


IV. Man's Response

Believing means trust and commitment—acknowledging our sinfulness, trusting Christ's forgiveness, and letting Him control our life. Eternal life is a gift for us to receive.

Q7 Where would you place yourself in this illustration?

Q8 Is there any reason why you shouldn't cross over to God's side and be certain of eternal life?



Once you've memorized and practiced this "Bridge Illustration," invite a Christian friend out to lunch or coffee. Ask them to pose as a non-Christian friend while you practice drawing out the Bridge on a table napkin. Have your friend give you feedback. Then invite a non-Christian friend out for lunch and share the Gospel!

What should you do when someone accepts Christ?

A good place to start would be to send us an e-mail message at: devotion@navigators.org. Give us your address, and we'll send you information about basic steps to take to help a new believer grow.

Spending time in God's Word is essential in a new believer's life. Two good resources to help establish patterns in Bible reading are **DAILY WALK** and **CLOSER WALK**, monthly devotionals offered by The Navigators. **DAILY WALK** is designed for reading through the Bible in a year. **CLOSER WALK** takes readers through the New Testament in a year. For more information and a free six-month subscription for you or a new believer, check out the devotional Web site at <http://www.navigators.org/devotion> or call (719) 594-2371.

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