

Sharing the Bridge Back Appointment

Common elements of the Gospel that need to be addressed or reinforced:

1. The consequence of sin is *eternal* separation from God. Even “common” sin is enough to separate a person from God forever.
2. A relationship with God cannot be earned by good works.
3. The way that Jesus’ death counts for you is through repentance (turn) and faith that Jesus Christ is the only way to get eternal life (trust).

Have the student share the bridge back with you

Make sure to interject and reinforce these 3 elements of the Gospel, knowing that these are oftentimes the most misunderstood issues.

Questions to ask to help reinforce these truths:

1. *The consequence of sin is eternal separation from God.*

Q: Do you think it’s fair for the consequence of sin to be eternal separation from God?

A: Yes, because God is just. If He didn’t punish sin, He wouldn’t be a just God

Q: Do you think you are guilty enough to be eternally separated from Him?

Q: What if someone had only committed one sin? Are they still guilty?

A: James 2:10

2. *A relationship with God cannot be earned by good works.*

Q: Why is this so different from everything else in the world?

A: Everything in our world operates by us working for it. A job doesn’t pay you if you don’t work. You don’t get into A&M unless you work hard in school to make good grades and get in the top 10%. You can’t join an organization unless you put in the work to attend events and make a good impression. It would seem normal for us to think the way we get to heaven is by earning it, but it’s actually the exact opposite.

Q: Why would God make it this way?

A: Ephesians 2:8-9

3. *The way that Jesus’ death counts for you is through repentance (turn) and faith that Jesus Christ is the only way to get eternal life (trust).*

Q: Why did Jesus have to die?

A: Because like the verse says, the payment for sin is death. Someone or something had to die so that sin could be forgiven.

Q: Why could your parents not die in your place? Why did it have to be Jesus?

A: Because Jesus was the only person free from sin. He actually didn’t deserve death because He hadn’t sinned. He was able to exchange His perfect life for the death we deserve. Your parents can’t die for their sins and your sins.

Leave an Open Door

For someone who still has yet to place his or her faith in Christ: “There are actually a lot of places in the Bible that talk about this same concept. Its not just in this one verse in Romans. I think it would be beneficial if we looked at some of those together, would you be down to do that?”

For someone who acknowledges they have made a decision to trust in Christ: “There are 4 lessons that really helped me understand what to do after I made a decision to follow Christ. Let’s meet up a few days from now and look at one of them!”