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The Difference Maker Study

Lesson 3: Preparing To Make a Difference

OBJECTIVE

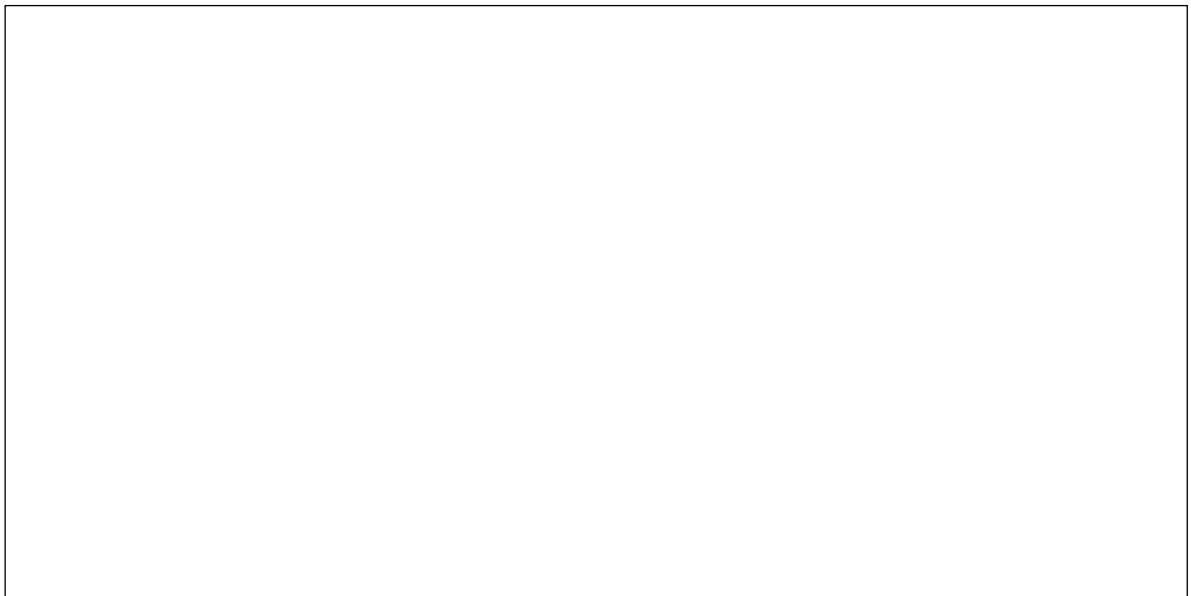
Imagine yourself sharing your faith with someone, describing the Christian faith on a more routine basis.

Scripture Reference: John 5:24

Common Thoughts About Christianity:

- Jesus was a great teacher.
- Christianity works for some people, but not for me.
- Why is Christianity truer than any other religion.
- _____

The Bridge Illustration: Draw the Bridge p.74



How to Explain the Bridge:

p. 73 When talking with people about life, ask the question, have you ever experienced emptiness? Most people have experienced longing within, which results in separation from God.

1. The separation is between God and people/me/us/you

2. p. 75 Explain what sin is, because most people do not understand sin

Read and write the Definition of sin:

Sin separates us from God's p. 75

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

QUESTION: How do people tend to fill the emptiness in their lives? P. 75

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3. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the only one to bridge the gap between us and God

Scripture Reference: John 14:6

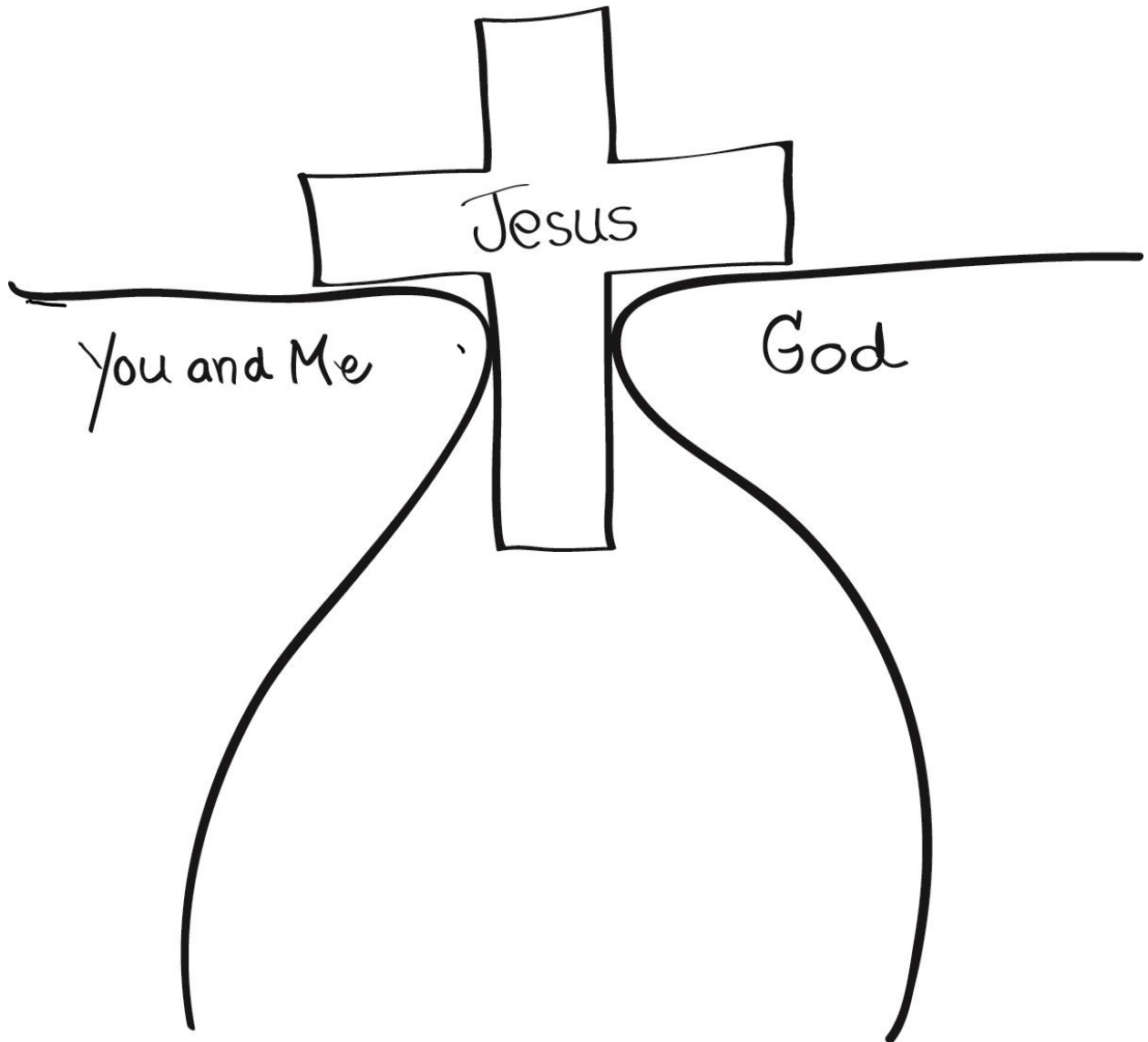
ReRead John 5:24 – To make it to God, you must make a conscious choice

1. You can either keep living separated from God
2. Will you continue to live empty

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Jesus offers a promise of a better life here and now

4. Pray the prayer of faith to receive in Jesus



II. Is Christianity a Religion?

Any conversation that talks about religion must start with an understanding of Jesus Christ. If we are to compare Christianity with other religions, we must start with Jesus.

Christianity deals with the person of Jesus Christ. Believers and followers of Jesus Christ confess their faith in Jesus Christ based on an understanding of Christology. Therefore, Christology is a response to what a person believes of who Jesus was and what He did and who they confess Him to be.

The truth of Christianity depends entirely on the truth of Jesus Christ. Some questions to consider:

Did he exist? How can we know anything about his life? Who was He?
Why should we believe in Him above all others?

WAS JESUS ACTUALLY GOD? You Must Determine

1. Legend-There never was a Jesus who claimed to be God. Was Jesus a concoction of the disciple's imagination?
2. Lunatic-Jesus really thought He was God, but He was wrong.
3. Liar-Said he was God, but he really wasn't
4. Lord-He was who He claimed to be.

Scripture Reference: John 1:1

- From the beginning eternally existed the Word
- Vs. 2 "All things were created by him"
- Vs. 3 If we did not have light, then we would be walking around in darkness. Darkness was not and will not ever restrain the light. Darkness has never overcome light.
- Vs. 14- Was able to comprehend, concentrate on him and carefully observe him.
- Vs. 18 No one has ever seen God at any time, but only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the father. In other words, the Son explains what is in the

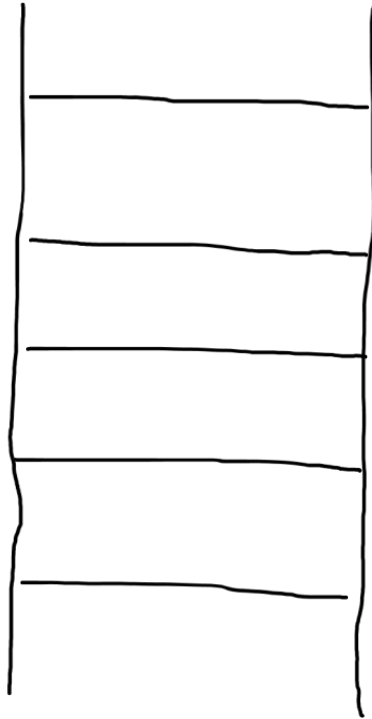
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father. The Son has exegeted the Father to us.

II. Climbing the Morality Ladder

How does being a good person get you into heaven?

QUESTION: Will Right Actions get you into heaven p. 85



III.TOOLS FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH

1. Personal Testimony – Your story. You know your story best.

2. The Romans Road

The Road To Salvation - Five Guideposts

Guidepost One – Romans 3:23

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

Guidepost Two – Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through
Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Guidepost Three – Romans 5:8

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for
us while we were still sinners.”

Guidepost Four – Romans 10:9-10

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised
him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you
are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith
that you are saved.”

Guidepost Five – Romans 10:13

“For everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”