### How to Lead Someone to Jesus Christ

<u>How to use this cube:</u> Use this cube as a part of a conversation not as the whole discussion. Use this cube to illustrate and spark healthy dialogue about your journey. Use this cube as a tool to learn about a friend's personal journey. Be flexible with your presentation depending upon the circumstance or relationship in which you find yourself. Make the story you tell with this cube your own.

<u>When to use this cube:</u> Use this when sharing your faith with someone who trusts you and has a relationship with you. Use this tool in a classroom or training setting. Use this tool when someone asks you: "Why do you go to church?" or "Why do you believe in God?" or "What do you see in religion?" <u>How not to use this cube:</u> You should not use this cube to try to debate or win an argument. You should not use this as a tool to scare someone into a relationship with God. Do not use it to try to disprove another's religious beliefs or to prove that yours are right.

<u>When not to use this cube:</u> You should not use this tool without first listening. You should not use this tool without the intention of continuing to develop an authentic relationship. You should not use this tool in place of living out a lifestyle of grace, love and service to the world.

What to do when you can't answer a question:

You should not make something up but connect the person and their questions to your pastor. Is there anything I shouldn't say?:

Talk from your heart, but don't talk in theological words that you or your friend might not understand. Don't just say words; be real.

#### Show 'Man separated from 'God'

- This picture represents God and every person.
- God is loving and the Creator.
- God gives direction and purpose for living.
- Every person at first lives life for self (in selfishness) and makes choices that are contrary to the purpose and direction that God gives.
- God did not create us to live selfishly in sin but to live for Him.
- The Bible says "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)
- God freely offers forgiveness and accepts us when we put our faith in Him.
- God wants for us to begin a new journey–a life-long relationship with Him.



#### **Open to 'Christ on the Cross'**

- God loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to live out this love.
- Jesus came as a man to teach us about God's un-selfish love and live before all this new way of life so that we might know about the way God created us to be. (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18).
- The Bible also says that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son Jesus], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have ever-lasting life." (John 3:16)
- God through Jesus showed His love for the world and His longing for reconnection with us. (Romans 5:8)



## Open to the 'Tomb'

- Men buried Jesus in a tomb.
- Jesus chose to live and suffer death as a human; this has for ever connected us to Him.



## **Open to 'Risen Christ'**

- God raised Jesus from the dead!
- Jesus soon went back to heaven.
- Jesus has conquered death.
- God offers us forgiveness for our sin and through faith offers a dynamic relationship with Him.
- When we put our faith in God, we begin a life of spiritual growth in Him.



# **Open to 'Cross Bridge'**

- Jesus said in the Bible, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)
- God through faith in Jesus and the Cross longs to reconnect everyone to Him and to each other.
- But just knowing about these things is not enough! We must choose to put our faith in Jesus.
- God then continues transforming us into the person He intended us to be as we begin to live in relationship with Him.
- God has left His Spirit with us as a light (point to light).



## **Open to 'God Reconnects'**

- God reaches out today with forgiveness, grace, and a longing for everyone.
- I see myself in His grasp on this journey.
- This new way of life is not the end but a beginning.
- I continue on this journey with Jesus and seek to know His direction more and more every day.
- His Holy Spirit continues to guide me as a light and continues to fuel a fire and passion for a loving, compassionate, unselfish way of life.
- God reaches out still today with His grace and love to you. (John 3:16, 18; Romans 5:5-11)



### ASK THE QUESTION:

Would you like to trust Jesus right now and begin a relationship with Him?\*

\* (if yes) The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:9) I can lead us in a prayer to God. Remember, it's not saying the words that saves you; God is looking at your heart for true faith in Jesus. Ready? (if yes) Let's pray:

"God, thank you for loving us and sending your Son Jesus to us so that we could know you and have a relationship with you. I no longer want to live my life for my self but want to begin living connected to you. Forgive me for my selfishness. I put my faith in Jesus. I believe that He is my friend and guide and will direct my path. Thank you for the gift of new life in relationship with you. Amen."

- If you took that step of trusting in Jesus Christ today, know the Bible says: "As many as received Jesus, to all who believed in His name, to them He gave the right to become children of God!" (John 1:12)
- This faith calls us to a unity in Jesus in the context of a loving community. All are invited to participate in this fellowship.
- I believe that a true community of faith promotes accountability, encouragement, guidance, and support for everyone who is searching for purpose and direction in life.
- My church provides this community of faith for me.

### \* (if no) ask questions like:

How do you see yourself on your journey; will you tell me your story? What has been your experience with God? Tell me about your own journey; how do you decide what is true? How do you make your choices? Where do you get guidance? Do you have any questions for me about my journey? Are you interested in knowing more about God? Would you like to pray about this? Would you like to study the Bible with me? Would you like to learn some more about Jesus? Would you like to come and visit my church community?

LOVE God and all people.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:36-40)

STUDY the Bible (God's Word) daily.

Start with the gospel of John; read 1 chapter each day.

"Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation..." (1 Peter 2:2)

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word" Jesus in

(John 14:23)

PRAY to God constantly.

In prayer you can thank and worship God, ask for His help, confess your sins, and pray for others. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6-7)

MEET regularly with other Christians.

God commands that Christians meet regularly for worship, prayer, Bible study, and helping each other. "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." (Heb. 10:25)

TELL others the good news about Jesus.

God wants us to tell other people How to Have Eternal Life with God by trusting in Jesus to save them from sin. You can use this paper when you talk to others about Jesus! "And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to all creation.'" (Mark 16:15)



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