

Leading Someone to Christ

I. Leading Someone to Christ (salvation)

Leading someone into a meaningful relationship with Christ is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. Always remember God is a personal being that desires relationship with them and loves them very much. Introduce them to Christ from a personal base.

A. Five Basic Points

In leading people into relationship with Christ we need to help them understand five basic points in the scripture.

1. God's love for them as an individual

- a. God has made a great effort and sacrifice to establish a way for every man to have relationship with himself (John 3:16).
- b. God's ultimate desire is that none should perish (1 Timothy 2:3-6)
- c. God loves them while they continue in their sinful lifestyle (Romans 5:8)

2. All men have the need for salvation

- a. The reality is that all men have sinned and therefore stand in need of God's mercy and grace (Romans 3:23)
- b. We need to accept responsibility for our sin (I John 1:8)
- c. God has a remedy for sin (Romans 6:23).
 - 1.) Death is a result of unrepented sin, but eternal life is the reward for the repentant person. Our repentance is based upon a belief in Jesus' sacrificial death for our sin and in his being worthy to die for us since he is the Son of God (I John 1:12)

3. All men may be saved now

- a. It is as simple as making a request to be forgiven based upon the work that God has accomplished through Christ's work on the cross (Romans 10:13).
- b. Lead them in a simple prayer that includes these elements:
 - 1.) Acknowledgment of their sin and need of forgiveness
 - 2.) Belief that Jesus died for that sin
 - 3.) Acknowledgment of a personal reception of Jesus atoning work
 - 4.) Acknowledgment of Jesus as their new found Lord and Savior

4. Assurance as a new believer

- a. Confession - On the basis of their confession of Jesus as Savior and commitment to daily making him their life, new believers can be assured of their inclusion into the Kingdom of God (Romans 10:9, John 5:24,20:31)

b. Process of sanctification - Yet, it must be remembered that salvation is a process. Being a new convert, does not make one instantly perfect. Therefore, it should be explained that salvation is a process in which God leads us into deeper relationship with himself and into greater freedom from sin (I Corinthians 1:18).