
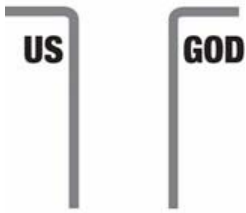
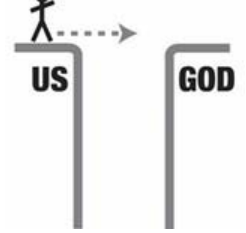
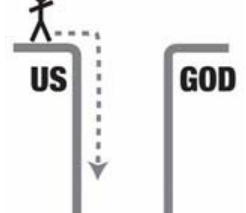
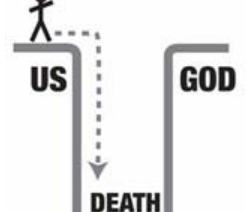

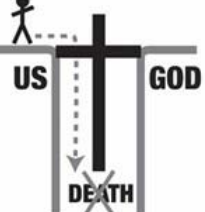






Are You Kidding Me?

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BRIDGE DIAGRAM	BIBLICAL BASIS	SENTENCE FORMAT
	<p>I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness (Jeremiah 31:3).</p>	<p>God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us.</p>
	<p>Your iniquities (sins) have made a separation between you and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned each one to his own way; but the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6).</p>	<p>However, we have chosen to go our own independent way and our sins have caused a separation between us and God.</p>
	<p>God...saved us. Not because of good works we have done, but because of his mercy (Titus 3: 5-6). Because by the works of the law, no one will be justified in God's sight, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20).</p>	<p>Most of us are aware of this separation, and we try to do good works to get back to God.</p>
	<p>All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).</p>	<p>But we all sin and fall short.</p>
	<p>The wages of [penalty for] sin is death (Romans 6:23). It is appointed for men to die once; then after that to face judgment (Hebrews 9:27).</p>	<p>The Bible says the penalty for our sins is death (spiritual separation from God).</p>

	<p>For Christ died for sins once for all..., in order that He might bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18).</p>	<p>But God did for us what we could not do for ourselves. He provided a bridge to help us get back to God.</p>
	<p>God proved his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).</p>	<p>When Jesus Christ died on the cross, he paid the penalty for our sins. He died so that we would not have to.</p>
	<p>As many as received Him..., to them He gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).</p>	<p>But it is not enough just to know this. To cross over the bridge we need to receive Christ by asking Him to forgive us and to come into our lives.</p>
	<p>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20 NIV).</p>	<p>Does this make sense to you? Based on this diagram, where are you in your relationship with Christ? Would you like to receive Christ and cross over to the other side?</p>

Challenge: Use this diagram with somebody this week and tell your family or small group about your experience the next time you meet.