

## Leading Someone to Christ

When the opportunity arises to share the plan of salvation, you will want to be ready with a simple explanation told in a non-coercive manner. You may want to write out or go over in your mind ahead of time just what you will say. Following is a suggested plan and some related scriptures to spark your own prayerful thinking.

Share these thoughts in your own words:

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. (John 3:16 and John 10:10)
2. Each of us has sinned and been separated from God, preventing us from knowing and experiencing God's plan. (Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23)
3. Jesus Christ is God's provision for our sin and separation from God. (Romans 5:8 and John 14:6)
4. When we place our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. (John 1:12 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what God wants us to be. It is not enough to agree to a list of facts about Jesus Christ or to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by *faith*, as an act of the *will*.

If someone indicates that he or she is ready to make a decision, ask that person if he or she has any questions. If all seems clear, encourage the person to pray a prayer of repentance, asking God's forgiveness. You might guide the person with words similar to the following:

**God, I know I've done wrong and gone my own way. I am sorry. I want to follow you. I know Jesus died for my sins. I accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for the gift of eternal life.**

After the person has prayed, thank God for hearing his or her prayer, and affirm the person as a new Christian.

Explain that as we pray, read the Bible, worship with other Christians, and tell others about what God has done for us, God will help us know how to live. Christ's presence is with us to help us live God's way. One step that a new believer should take is to be baptized. Baptism tells others that we are serious about following Jesus. Jesus set the example in being baptized and we are baptized to show that we are living for Jesus.

Encourage this person by giving him or her instruction and materials for setting up a daily devotional time. If possible, make arrangements to meet regularly with this person as a spiritual mentor.

There are a number of simple tract-type visuals to help you share Christ with others:

- *It's Awesome!* (available at [www.warnerpress.org](http://www.warnerpress.org) or 1-877-346-3974)
- *Bridge to Life* (available at [www.navpress.org](http://www.navpress.org))
- *The Answer* (available at [www.studentdiscipleship.org](http://www.studentdiscipleship.org))