Steps to Peace with God
1. God’s Purpose: Peace and Life
   Read the following verses and describe in your own words God’s original intention for us.

   Genesis 1:27-28 ________________________________________________________________

   John 3:16 (memorize) ____________________________________________________________

   John 10:10 (memorize) _________________________________________________________

   There is a God. He is real. He exists. God is not nature or the creation of man. God is our creator. That means you are not here by accident. God made you to bless you and give you purpose. He wants you to experience peace and life – both eternal and abundant.

2. The Problem: Separation from God
   Read the following verses and describe in your own words sin and its results

   Romans 3:23 (memorize) _________________________________________________________

   Romans 6:23 (memorize) _________________________________________________________

   Isaiah 59:2 ________________________________________________________________

   Have you ever sinned? Yes   No   I don’t know (read Exodus 20:1-17)

   Which statement best describes what you believe? What is wrong with the others?
   a. I have made a few mistakes, but mostly I am still a good person.
   b. A loving God wouldn’t send anyone to hell – just really evil people.
   c. I have sinned against God, so I deserve death and eternal separation from God.
      (See 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

   Story on sin and our need for God

   What are some ways people try to get to God? Why do they fail? ________________

   In John 14:6 (memorize) Jesus said, “I am the ________________, the _______________ and the ________________.
   No one come to the Father except through me.”

3. God’s Bridge: the Cross!
   Read the following verses and describe in your own words what God has done for us.

   Romans 5:8 (memorize) _________________________________________________________

   I Peter 3:18 ________________________________________________________________

   Ephesians 2:8-9 ______________________________________________________________

   Story on grace
4. Our Response: Receive Jesus

Read the following verse and describe in your own words what we must do to receive God’s offer of salvation.

John 1:12 (memorize) ____________________________________________________________

Romans 10:9 (memorize) ________________________________________________________

Check the responses necessary for you to be saved. (see also 1 John 1:9; Acts 2:37-39; I Corinthians 15:1-5)

___ Do more good things than bad things
___ Admit that you have sinned
___ Sincerely try to be a better person
___ Go to church more
___ Be willing to turn from your sins
___ Believe Jesus died to forgive your sins and rose from the dead
___ Choose one of the many ways to get to heaven
___ Invite Jesus to come in and control your life

New life in Christ!

What can we learn from these verses about what a true Christian is?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17 _______________________________________________________

I John 5:12-13 _______________________________________________________________

Check the statements that describe your new life in God.

___ inner peace
___ sense of God’s presence
___ awareness of sin in my life
___ feeling of unconditional love
___ joy having been forgiven
___ desire to do God’s will
___ confidence that I will go to heaven
___ desire to read the Bible
___ ability to defeat sin in my life
___ desire to share Jesus with others
___ new love and concern for others

Have you believed in Jesus and received this new life? Yes No I don’t know

Describe your life in the following boxes:

My life before Jesus

When I encountered Jesus

Since I met Jesus

YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

• Pray to receive Jesus into your life.
• Record your spiritual “birthday” here:

On ______ (month) ______ (day) ______ (year) I received Jesus into my heart to be my savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord and took control of my life. Now I have become a child of God and a new creation. I have begun a new life.

Signature: ______________________________________

• Talk with the one taking you through this lesson or a pastor about being baptized. (Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6:1-14)
• Get your own Bible if you do not have one. Begin reading one of the gospels (one of the first four books of the New Testament). Begin to do everything that Jesus commands.
• Memorize the Steps to Peace with God with the scriptures (in bold) and the bridge illustration.
• Practice sharing your testimony.
• Plan to attend a lifegroup.
• Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
• Share this lesson with someone who is ready to be trained.