



SERMON NOTES

Personal Evangelism Tacklebox:

The Bridge That Crosses Everything | John 3:1-6, 14-21

Big Idea: Every person without Christ is standing on the wrong side of a gulf too wide to cross alone. The good news is that a bridge has already been built.

John 3:1–6

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. ²¹ But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

I. WHY WE FISH - The Lostness of People

- Lost/*apollumi* = missing out, ruined, disoriented, confused, in serious danger, wasting potential, eternal _____.
- Every person without Christ is marred, corrupted, ruined, headed for _____.
- Lostness is no respecter of heritage, economic, or _____ status. [Rom. 3:10-18; Matt. 25:41]

MYTH: I tried once and nothing happened. So why keep trying?

THE TRUTH: Success is _____ your faith and _____ your life for Jesus Christ.

II. THE TACKLE - The Redeemer's Bridge

The Seven Realizations:

1. God Created Us With a _____; to honor and serve Him. [Ps. 16:11; 1 Cor. 10:31]
2. Man's Problem; _____. [1 Jn. 3:4; Rom. 3:23]
3. Sin's Penalty; _____. [Rom. 6:23; Isa. 59:2]
4. Then How Can We Ever Have Eternal Life? [Prov. 14:12; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5]
5. Christ's _____; Our Sinless Substitute. [Jn. 14:6; Rom. 5:8; 1 Pet. 3:18]
6. Turn From Our Sin and _____ Jesus Christ. [Acts 3:19; Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:13]
7. God's _____; Eternal Life. [Jn. 5:24]
 - Jesus has already done all the work. The bridge is _____. Your job is to show them where it is and how to get across.

III. THE FISHERMAN – Conviction

- Shunned = to shrink back from. To avoid. To draw back out of fear or cowardice. [Acts 20:27]
- The message cannot be _____ without being _____.
- Live by _____ not feelings. Witness out of _____ not comfort.