

FRONTLINE ACADEMY

"Equipped to Share: A Biblical & Apologetics Approach to

Online Evangelism"

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Gospel Bridges/Transitions

General Flow

- Explore: Ask Questions and observe carefully
- Plant the flag / "add the salt"
- Share The Gospel



Example Chat (A1)

Seeker: Hi

Responder: Hello and welcome!

What brings you to chat today?

Seeker: I'm depressed

Responder: I'm sorry to hear that. What is going on in your life

right now?

Seeker: I'm unlucky in life

Responder: Yes, that can sure be discouraging when it seems things are just going wrong. What circumstances are bothering you right now?

Seeker: Everything, Ever since age 35 I've had a bad life



Example Chat (A2)

Responder: Did something happen when you were 35 that sent you down a difficult path?

Seeker: I've suffered alot of ill health myself but also friends and family have had their own deep tragedies too. Things go from bad to worse always, I've rarely seen evidence of a God in life

Responder: I'm sorry and yes when our physical health suffers our whole outlook is difficult. So I can help you better, can you tell me if you have a relationship with Jesus?

Example Chat (A3)

Seeker: Not really no

Responder: Well I know for myself, when life is difficult, that is when we can finally realize that the only true hope we have is in Jesus. God loves you and he knows exactly what you are going through and he wants you to know him. We are all broken people. We are all sinners. But Jesus came to die for our sin and rose from the dead. He offers us new life if we receive him and put our faith in him. Do you believe this?



Biblical Example

• Acts 8:26-35

• Acts 17:22-31



Felt Needs Bridge

- I used to struggle with this too... but...
- This can sometimes still be a constant struggle for me too...
 but...
- Moving from the felt need ie. Loneliness, to the real need Jesus. (But also be careful to be sensitive here!)
- Acts 22:1-5, Paul always relates to his "audience" first

NEED

Personal Experience Bridge

- Have you come to know Jesus in a personal way?
- What is the meaning of life?



Intellectual Bridge

- Do you have a specific question or concern that is hanging you up?
- Has anyone ever told you the main message of the Bible?



Church Bridge

- Were you brought up in a particular religious tradition?
- What does your church teach about how our sins can be forgiven?



Converting prayer requests to Gospel Presentations

- Asking what you can pray about to get into conversation
- You can share the Gospel in the prayer
- Praying alone without the Gospel included is not sharing the Gospel.
- However, do not refuse to pray for people



Converting "silly trolls" to Gospel Presentations

- Sexually Explicit Abusing the Responder
- Going in circles with cult members



Example Chat (B1)

Responder: Hi [name]!

Seeker: Hey! How are you?

Responder: I'm well, how is your day going?

Seeker: Hello! yeah I'm happy and blessed. Though prideful

Responder: You say you are blessed. What makes you blessed?

Seeker: Blessed with my lifestyle, church, Jesus, family - the great outdoors,

I don't have major troubles

Responder: Blessing is only possible when you have realized that all people need saving and

only the son of God can save. I don't think its an accident you are here

Seeker: Hmm yes you're right ma'am. But I can be annoyed right? Or not?

Responder: So let's have a real conversation. Tell me why you are annoyed.

I'll treat you seriously. Why are you annoyed?

Seeker: So I felt when I couldn't move they teased me to giving up,

and I feel foolish for agreeing, but they made me lose,

so I'm embarrassed and humiliated and just annoyed at myself for playing



Example Chat (B2)

Responder: I'm sorry you feel embarrassed and humiliated. Do you want to

talk more about that?

Seeker: I feel it's harsh. I mean there are games and Ordeals

Responder: But if you were hurt in another way I'm really sorry that happened

to you.

Responder: I'm here to listen. I think maybe you want to talk about something bad that happened to you.

You don't have to of course, but if you do I will listen to you. But you don't need to play games. I want to treat you seriously as a thinking, feeling, person with dignity.

Seeker: Yeah I mean, it was a prank I know, but harsh. So I'm competitive and I was foolish

Responder: You don't have to say what happened or go into details. But I will listen. A prank that is scary or hurtful to you isn't funny

Seeker: Thank you you've been awesome. I just wanted to vent a little

Responder: I know you were hurt by someone quoting Romans at you. But I want to give you something hopeful from Romans. Every person is lost in their pride and their sin. And that frustration is only taken away when we realize that it is sin and

the only solution is repenting and trusting in Jesus

Example Chat (B3)

Responder: Romans says, "If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead you will be saved," I understand that right now you were badly hurt by someone who was saying they were a Christain. And Im angry that someone did that to you But I hope you will think about actually reading the Bible. Not what people say about the Bible but read it for yourself. Don't take my word for it.

Seeker: *speaks more about humiliation*

Responder: Humiliation is a breaking point, you are right. We feel ashamed and powerless But the Bible offers a solution, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus was humiliated and willingly became powerless for us But He was humiliated for you. He took on the sin you recently committed and the sin other people did to you. If only you realize that we are all sinners and need Him

Seeker: He's the real hero. no I know



Example Chat (C1)

Responder: Hi Tom, what brings you to chat today friend?

Seeker: American conservatives are ****, ****, ****

Responder: What has been going on?

I am not from America so you will have to get me up to speed

Seeker: American conservatives attacked my head, body, and spirit with their stupid spirits.

They tried to turn me into a Conservative.

Responder: It is interesting you said they attacked your spirit. You mean like your soul? Do you believe people have a soul?

And I am also sorry you feel so under attack, it seems kind of overwhelming

Seeker: I have turned to God/Jesus for help with the spiritual attacks. I have received prayers

of deliverance from a Catholic Priest. The prayers did not help.

Responder: Wow thanks for sharing that, that is super interesting

That is good you are turning to Jesus about these issues friend

Would you say you are a Catholic? What is your background with that?



Example Chat (C2)

Seeker: Jesus entered into my life and told me that alcohol is not a good thing. Jesus likes sobriety.

Responder: What ways have you changed since you put your faith in Jesus? When did you accept Him as your Lord and Savior?:)

Seeker: I was baptized a Christian when I was a boy.

Responder: Do you think at some point you became born again?

Do you know what I mean by that?

Like in John 3

Seeker: I don't know what "born again" means.

Responder: thanks for sharing that, let me show you, one second

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again

Example Chat (C3)

Responder: there we go. OK so a really religious guy who grew up super godly came to Jesus and Jesus said he needed to be "born again" we are all born in the flesh

Seeker: How do I get "born again."

Responder: but Jesus says we all need a new birth, a new heart it is only possible by putting our faith in Jesus alone knowing nothing we do can bring us to heaven. Jesus died to pay for our sins and rose again when we put our faith in Him alone, we are born again and in a relationship with God forever:)

