



Four Laws Chart

THE COMPASS

A TOOL FOR DISCIPLES

Four Laws

Four Laws Script

The message found in this booklet has been warmly received by millions of people around the world! Individuals of all ages, religious backgrounds, and ethnicities have found the message contained in this booklet to be personally helpful in their relationship with God. We hope that you are blessed by it and will pass it along to others!

Reread and replace the world with his/her name:
 "God so loved (his/her name) that He gave His..."

1

God loves you and created you to know Him personally. He has a wonderful plan for your life.

God's Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

God's Plan

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)



What prevents us from knowing God personally?

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“When the Bible says that everyone sins, I promise you it’s referring to me, and I’d say it’s a good bet that it’s talking about you, too.”

2

People are sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love.

Our Condition

People Are Sinful

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

GOD

This diagram illustrates that God is holy and people are sinful. A great chasm separates the two. The arrows illustrate that we are continually trying to reach God and establish a personal relationship with Him through our own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion, but we inevitably fail.



PEOPLE



The third principle explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

“We know from life that everything has a consequence. According to the Bible sin has a consequence, too.”

People were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of our stubborn self-will, we chose to go our own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

People Are Separated

“For the wages of sin is death”. [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23)

“Do you know what a wage is?”
“It’s what you earn, like in minimum wage - you earn \$4.25 an hour.”

“In our culture the idea that Jesus is the only way to God is not very popular. Let me show you three reasons why I think it’s true, nevertheless.”

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Jesus Christ is God’s only provision for man’s sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience His love and plan.

God’s Response

1 He Died In Our Place

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

2 He Rose From The Dead

“Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred...” (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

3 He Is the Only Way to God

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.’” (John 14:6)

GOD

JESUS



PEOPLE

This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the chasm that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.



The fourth principle explains it’s not enough to just know these truths...

“No one else has dies to pay the penalty for our sins. Not Mohammed, or your pastor, or priest. Jesus is the only who has done that. ”

“Why did Jesus have to die?”

“The penalty for sin (death) has to be paid, either by us, or by Jesus.” (Refer back to Law 2)

Use the Judge illustration

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“A lot of people think that everyone is already a child of God. But according to the Bible, that’s not true. But everyone can become a child of God. It’s like he adopts us into his family.”

4

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love and plan.

Our Response

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

[Christ speaking] “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)

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive us of our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives.

A life entrusted to Christ. Christ is central and on the throne, and self yields to Christ.



A life without Jesus Christ. Self is central and on the throne and Jesus Christ (†) is on the outside.

We Must Receive Christ

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

We Receive Christ Through Faith

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

(Read John 3:1-8)

“Do you know what grace is?”

“Grace is an undeserved gift. (Give example of grace period)

“Saved means rescued. In the context, what are we being rescued from?”

“Sin, Death, Hell.”

“Faith is another word for trust. What are we supposed to trust?”

“That Jesus is who he said, and can forgive our sin.”

Use Niagra Falls Illustration

Reread with definitions instead of grace, saved, faith.

“It all boils down to this question: Who is this person trusting to pay the penalty for their sin?”

“Jesus.”

“So they have 100% of their sins forgiven.”

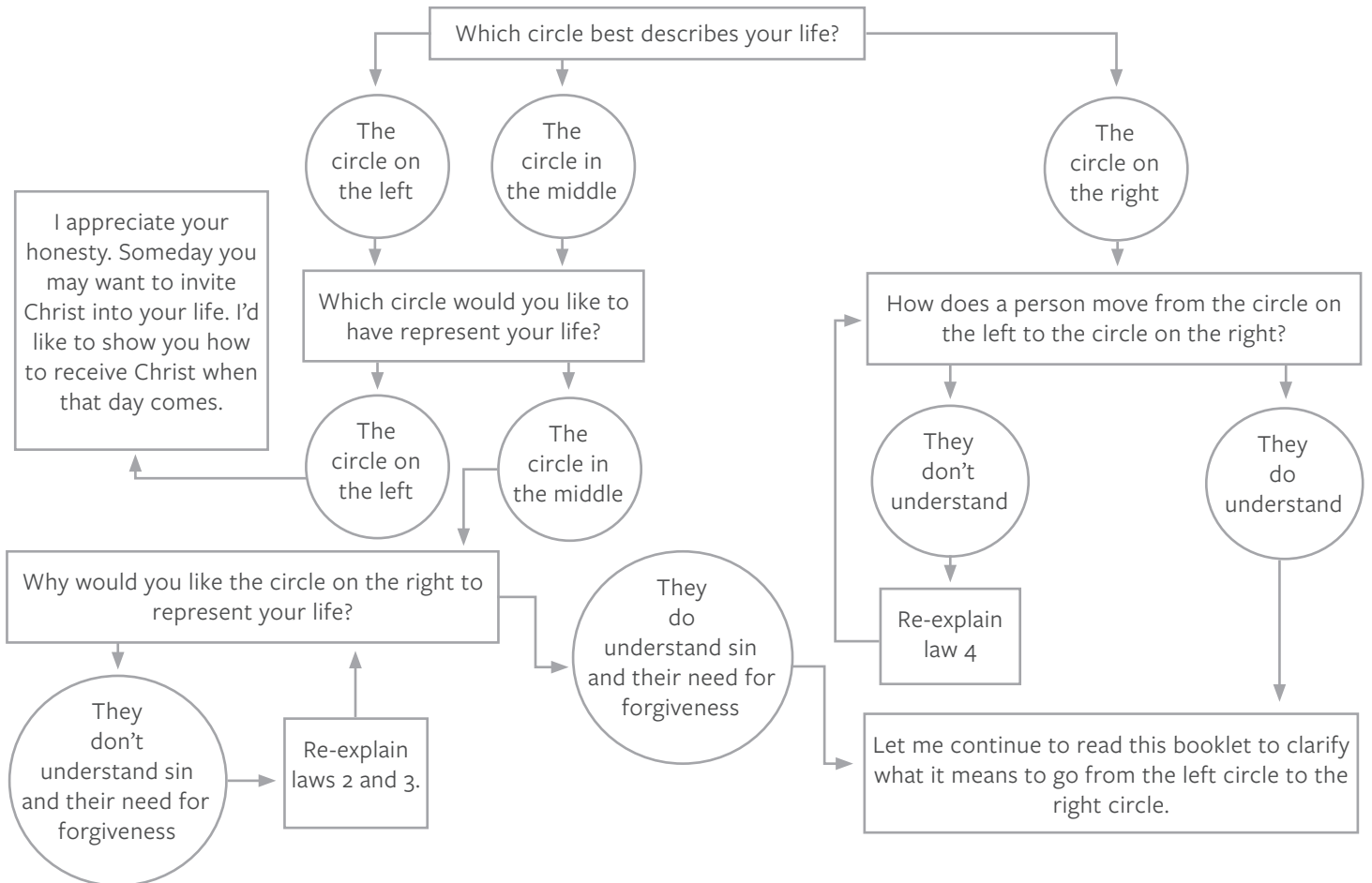
Who is this person trusting to pay the penalty for their sin?”

“Themselves.”

“So they have 0% of their sins forgiven.”

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