

## **Bible Study: Bridging the Gap**

**Purpose:** To illustrate that Jesus is our way to salvation by using the analogy of a ravine, and man being on one side, with God and heaven on the other. We've all burned our bridges by our failures and shortcomings, but Jesus restores that back to us.

**Icebreaker:** Bring a rail-road nail and set it on the table, and ask the people to describe it. Using their descriptions, make the mental association that Jesus endured something like this, to restore relationship between God and man. Then talk about riding in a bus somewhere. Wouldn't it be funny to think that the bus driver, the road, and the destination are all the same thing?

**In Closing:** Tell the story of the rail-road switch operator, who notices his son playing by the tracks, just as a train is coming by. He either has to lower the bridge, and sacrifice his son, or send the many to their end. With compassion for those souls, he does the unthinkable, and they pass over safely, never knowing what he gave up to save them. Such is the love of God for us.

**JOHN 14: 1-3** ~ Jesus assures the disciples of their eternity.

**Q: Is heaven an exclusive place, standing room only?**

**Q: Is Jesus far off, unobtainable?**

**Q: Who prepares the place for us?**

**Q: Who then, must we be close to?**

**JOHN 14: 4-7** ~ Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way.

**Q: Do you ever feel like you don't know the way to go?**

**Q: Have you ever found the way on your own?**

**Q: Is it easy to be lost when there's someone to follow?**

**JOHN 14: 8-11** ~ Jesus and the Father are one.

**Q: Who does God look like?**

**Q: Do you always take someone at their word?**

**Q: What proof is Jesus giving to them?**

**JOHN 14: 12-14** ~ Assurance of greater works.

**Q: If we believe, what are we promised? Why?**

**Q: Who is glorified when our prayers are answered?**

**Q: There's a clause in here, what is it?**

**ROMANS 5: 1-5** ~ Paul tells of free access to God.

**Q: Again, who gives us access to God?**

**Q: Is it okay to be boastful?**

**Q: Is walking the path always easy?**

**Q: What have we been given to help us?**

**ROMANS 8: 31-32** ~ God gives everything for us.

**Q: Who's on our side?**

**Q: Did God hold anything back?**