



BUILD BRIDGES



Skill

Build Bridges is crossing geographical, cultural, and religious barriers to love, befriend, and intentionally witness to the nations among us.

Design

Build Bridges (bridge/river) > The picture is a bridge over moving water illustrating the missionary's heart to build relationship bridges into the lives of lost tribes. The **sketch** is also a bridge over moving water. The sign of a Spirit-filled and mission-driven disciple of Christ is their deep passion to go to the lost and bridge into their world to recruit them for our King's kingdom.

Story

The Good Samaritan (Luke 19:25-37)

This story demonstrates Build Bridges as a kingdom skill because we clearly see the compassionate traveler in Jesus' story stop everything he was doing to make great personal sacrifices to save a stranger's life. How intentional was this man to put his travel plans on hold, approach this unconscious and dying stranger, personally bandage him up with oil and wine, and then change course to take him to an inn and pay for his recovery costs?

Scriptures

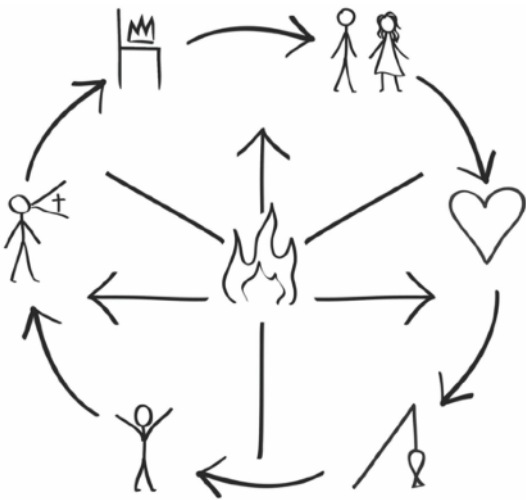
2 Timothy 1:9 > Yahweh has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

Matthew 9:35-36 > Jesus went to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd.

Lesson Summary

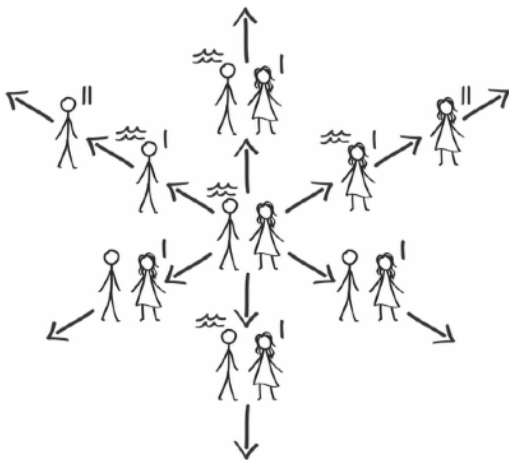
Build Bridges requires a covenant with the Father to love the lost and do whatever it takes to pursue the Great Commission among every tribe, people, tongue, and nation. We do not wait for the lost to ask us why we love or serve them; instead, we are constantly building conversational bridges into spiritual discussions with people we meet every day. Yahweh promises that families from all nations will turn back to and worship Him (Psalm 22:27-28)! We are already sent out by the Lord to bring good news (Romans 10:15). We are Jesus' ambassadors; our role is to invite people to Him (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?