

The Five Thresholds



TRUST

Threshold 1: Trust

People today often start in a place of skepticism or distrust toward Christians. In Threshold 1, they move into a relationship of trust with a Christian friend. Trust is the seed that catalyzes the journey of faith.



CURIOSITY

Threshold 2: Curiosity

It's possible to have a trust relationship with somebody for years without them having any interest in our faith. Threshold 2 is where they become curious. Learn how to ask questions that spark curiosity.



CHANGE

Threshold 3: Openness

Threshold 3, where people go from being closed to open to change, is the most misunderstood and mysterious of the thresholds. Your friend's questions move from curious, often intellectual or academic, to the personal realm, and they start to examine their life. Our friends desperately need someone who is willing to offer them the truth - in love - to encourage them to be open to change.



SEEKING

Threshold 4: Seeking

Threshold 4 is where someone moves from simply being open to change to actually seeking after Jesus. People often begin by looking everywhere and investigating everything; Jesus is one of many options they're exploring. We have the joy of focusing them in on Jesus and helping them ask him the questions they need to be answered in order to trust him.



FOLLOWER

Threshold 5: Following

This is a wonderful moment when someone puts their trust in Jesus for the first time. As a friend, in Threshold 5 we can help them see how good Jesus and the kingdom of God are, as well as the cost involved in following Jesus. We also need to celebrate with them and continue to support them in their new journey of faith.