

The Five Thresholds

(adapted from *I Once Was Lost* by Schaupp/Everts)

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Trusting a Christian	Wondering about Jesus	Opening up to Change	Seeking after God	Entering the Kingdom
distrust to trust	apathetic to curious	closed to open	meandering to seeking	lost to saved
<p>My two friends – GIGs - Events</p>				
1. Avoid knee jerk reactions to distrust (defend, bruise, avoid, judge, argue)	1. Focus on Jesus	1. Be patient	1. Live out the Kingdom in front of them (community, scripture, prayer, model seeking, invite to seek)	1. Be appropriately urgent
2. Kingdom Habits to Build Trust (pray, learn, bond, affirm, welcome)	2. Live curiously	2. Challenge like Jesus challenged (touch pain of broken & honest, mobilize the self-pitying & fearful, agitate the complacent & glib, connect the dots for the confused & befuddled)	2. Create safe places for seeking (guiding seekers v. seeker sensitive)	2. Be clear, but don't oversimplify (eg True Story by James Choung)