

OV daily devotions DAY SEVEN (Friday - 6/14/19)

Standing in the Gap

After God created the earth, He said, “It was very good” (Genesis 1:31). There was no gap between God and the earth, however, after Adam and Eve sinned, sin created a gap between God and what He had planned for the earth. Fortunately, God stood in the gap for us by sending Jesus to the earth to live as a man, die for our sins, and arise from the dead so we could have a personal relationship with Him. That’s what I call bridging a gap!

Today you will have a chance to see one of the greatest natural wonders in the US. Natural Bridge is a geological formation in which Cedar Creek (a small tributary of the James River) has carved out a gorge in the mountainous limestone terrain, forming an arch 215 ft high with a span of 90 ft. It is the remains of the roof of a cave or tunnel through which the creek once flowed. Natural Bridge is both a Virginia Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark. We stand in awe of the power of nature and realize what an awesome God we serve.

Yet God did something even more miraculous than that when he sent His son. He came to die for us all, not just people who look and sound like we do. He came to stand in the gap for every part of His creation: every race, every culture, and every nation.

We’ve been called to stand in the gap too. Nearly everywhere we look there are people who live their lives unaware of what God has done. Who will speak to them and pray for them? Who will call out to God on their behalf and stand in the gap for them?

Today you will see plenty of people who have been tossed aside by our society. Many of the homeless that you will minister to are struggling with things that are no fault of their own. Some of them are barely hanging on. Many of them are at fault and are reaping the results of bad decisions in their lives.

Did Christ come to die for them too?

What kind of gaps can you think of that separate people from one another? _____

Have you ever seen gaps that divide our youth group? Divisions that keep us from the unity that God wants us to have? What are they?

How can you best stand in the gap for someone in the youth group that may need you? _____

Read Ezekiel 22:40. God was preparing to destroy the nation of Israel because of their disobedience and because He could find no one willing to stand in the gap for them.

How could our youth group stand in the gap for students in our school who don't know God? _____

How could we bridge the gap of the poor and homeless in Easley?
