

Follow-Up Discipleship

Jesus said in Matt 28:19-20:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is our mandate to follow-up on those who pray the prayer of salvation. *We want to disciple them in their house.* Our goals for the first few visits are:

1. To lay the foundations that Peter states in Acts 2:37-38:

“Repent (Salvation)
and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.
And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

2. Guide the new believer to start reading the Bible.
3. Inquire about family and friends who need the Lord too. Think ‘harvest house.’
4. Invite them to the meetings and Saturday outreach.

All four of these goals might not be accomplished in one visit, but this is what we are working towards.

1. SALVATION

When we go back to a house that we visited during outreach, we first want to affirm what happened to them when they asked Jesus into their heart. Share with them John 1:12-13:

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Make sure that they understand that Jesus is in their heart and that their sins are forgiven. Also have them read from John 3:1-6 about Nicodemus and being born again. If they do not have a modern translation of the Bible, give them one of the New Testaments. Explain to them after they read these verses aloud to you, that they are now born again.

2. BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

After talking about salvation, share about the baptism with the Holy Spirit. We have found new believers to be very open, so just say

“Jesus has saved you, and now He wants to give you His Holy Spirit to empower you to walk in this new way. Think of when you’ve made New Year’s resolutions. It did not last very long, because you did not have the power to change. This is why Jesus wants to baptize you with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will fill you and empower you. I’m going to lay hands on you and pray for you, and you will start speaking in tongues. Tongues are a new way to communicate with God.”

Lay hands on them for the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
(If more understanding is necessary, use the ‘Gift of the Father’ pamphlet.)

3. WATER BAPTISM

Explain about water baptism, how you associate with the death and the resurrection of Jesus, and that it is the cut-off point from your old life according to Romans 6. (Go through the bible study on water baptism before the visit to refresh your own knowledge) Then make arrangements with them to be baptized, either in a friend of theirs’ pool or Jacuzzi, a big bath tub, a river, lake or the swimming pool at a local hotel. Encourage them to invite their family and friends to celebrate this awesome act of obedience with them.

3. READING THE BIBLE

Make sure they have a modern translation. If not, give them one of the New Testaments. Explain to them how to read and study the Word by using the three simple symbols: Question mark, Light bulb and Arrow. (See the bible study on The Word of God)

Have them open their Bible and start reading from Mark 1:1. Demonstrate the method as you go along. Reaffirm salvation, baptism and baptism with the Holy Spirit – it is all there in Mark 1.

4. PRAYER

Share a few basic things about prayer. Share with them that prayer is simply talking with Jesus and telling Him what is in your heart. Tell them to ask Him to help them with everything they do everyday. Encourage them to thank Jesus for every good thing that comes their way.

5. HARVEST HOUSE

Ask about friends who need the Lord too and make arrangements to gather them.

6. INVITE TO THE MEETINGS

The primary goal is to establish harvest houses, but invite them to the meetings too. Young people especially are more likely to come. Invite them to the Saturday outreach. Arrange to pick them up for the first meeting.

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