

HANDLING FOLLOW-UP

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Follow-up for those making decisions is very important. This email is in two parts – FOLLOW-UP and RESOURCES

FOLLOW-UP SUGGESTIONS:

Encourage those who visit these new believers to consider them to be like someone who will be the next Apostle Paul, leading many others to follow Jesus:

1. Go to meet them in person. At the arranged time, listen to them tell their story (testimony). Affirm their decision by reviewing what it means to come to salvation.
2. Pray with them about their decision and what it means for them in the days ahead. Ask them if this means any changes in their lifestyle as they walk with Jesus “in the newness of life.”
3. Ask them who they know that needs to hear the gospel message. This could be a family member, co-worker, or friend. Pray with them about their concern. Offer to go with them or have the new believer invite those they know to a special place to hear the gospel message. Set a meeting time before leaving in which you can meet with this new believer, explain the gospel message to those in their circle of influence, and follow-up with those who make a decision.
4. Invite them to your church. Alert a Sunday School teacher or small group leader to take them to lunch or meet with them after church. After they attend, share the “Baptism” brochure with them. (Free from the MBC.)
5. Begin an intentional three-month disciple-making effort, equipping them as witnesses who can reproduce this process in the lives of others that they know. Invest time with them and those they know who need a relationship with Jesus. This can be done through a special pastor’s class, using a typical substitute teacher to lead a series of basic discipleship classes on what it means to have a daily devotion, Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, understanding worship including learning Scripture songs, how to share your faith with others, the importance of church membership, having fellowship, ministering to others, and if this is a cross-cultural experience possibly starting a small group that can become a new church.

II. RESOURCES:

1. Thought you’d like this free “Find It Here” booklet that is used as follow-up to adults receiving the *Find it Here* NTs. The PDF is attached and free for use with new believers. It costs 54 cents each online at the <http://www.nambstore.com/products/find-it-here-book>.
2. If you want to go the orality route, I have a 12-session Bible study “Catching Fire: New Believers” that uses Bible Storying in a discussion session. “Catching Fire” lessons will be running each issue of *The Pathway* starting in mid-July 2013 and running through September. If you want to have a copy right now, there’s a one-time fee of \$39.95 for the storying small group leader guide delivered as a PDF file. It is designed for adults and students. SnowdenMinistries@gmail.com.
3. A great resource to recommend is “The Call to Follow Christ: Six Disciplines for New and Growing Believers” is a workbook by Claude King that has reworked “The Ministries of the Disciples Cross” used in *MasterLife* by Avery Willis. A foundational discipleship resource that will guide new and growing believers to understand and begin implementing six disciplines into their

daily lives. LifeWay paperback \$9.95 – individual workbook: www.lifeway.com/Product/the-call-to-follow-christ-6-disciplines-for-new-growing-believers-P001303666

4. There are two 8-week leader guides presenting the Ministries of the Disciples' Cross. Soon after working with Avery Willis on this project, he invited me to work on Truth That Sticks with him. This resource is designed for adults and students. Order from SnowdenMinistries@gmail.com.
 - a. "Church Ministries Led by Church Leaders" guides new believers to understand what Christians do and actions that they take in obedience to God's will -- \$19.95 for the Leader Guide
 - b. "Multiplying Disciples: Making Disciples Like Jesus Did" Leads oral learners to discover that they can make disciples -- \$19.95 for the Leader Guide
5. There's a 2003 LifeWay kit for children called "I'm a Christian Now!" \$39.95
<http://www.lifeway.com/I-m-a-Christian-Now/c/N-1z13var>
And several individual pamphlet-style guides are available even in a "younger children" version for \$6.95.

The main thing is to take some intentional steps for making disciple-makers out of those the Lord sends you from His harvest fields. If you've got something that works well and want to share it with those doing this NT Distribution Project this year, just let me know!

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