

# Unit 10 **Discipling New Believers**

**GOSPEL OUTLINE** —

Listener: Before class check circle ○

Trainer: During class check square □

## INTRODUCTION

- □ **Their Secular Life**
- □ **Their Church Background**
- □ **Our Church**
- □ **Testimony (Church and Personal)**
  
- □ Transition: May I ask you a question?

### Two Diagnostic Questions

- □ **#1** - Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?
  - □ 1 John 5:13
- □ May I share with you how I came to know for certain that I have eternal life and how you can know also?
  - □ Before I share with you, let me ask you another question...
- □ **#2** - Suppose you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" what would you say?
  - □ Repeat and confirm answer
- □ Transition: When you answered that first question, I thought I had some really good news for you. But after hearing your answer to this second question, I know that I have the greatest news you have ever heard.

## GOSPEL

### GRACE

- □ **Heaven is a free gift**
  - □ Romans 6:23
- □ **It is not earned or deserved**
  - □ Ephesians 2:8-9
  - □ Friend's Gift
- □ Transition: This can be seen more clearly when we understand what the Bible says about man.

### MAN

- □ **Man is a sinner**
  - □ Romans 3:23
  - □ Sin Defined
  - □ Three Sins a Day

- □ **Cannot save himself**
  - □ Matthew 5:48
  - □ Omelet with Bad Egg
- □ Do you see why it is impossible for anyone to get into heaven by their good works?
  - □ Transition: This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God.

### GOD

- □ **God is merciful** - therefore does not want to punish us.
  - □ 1 John 4:8b
- □ **God is just** - therefore must punish sin.
  - □ Exodus 34:7b
- □ Transition: God solved this problem in the Person of Jesus Christ.

### CHRIST

- □ **Who He is** - the infinite God-Man
  - □ John 1:1,14
- □ **What He did** - He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.
  - □ Record Book of Sin
  - □ Isaiah 53:6
  - □ *Tetelestai* - John 19:30
- □ Transition: This gift is received by faith.

### FAITH

- □ Key to Heaven
- □ **What it is not**
  - □ Mere Head Knowledge
  - □ James 2:19
  - □ Mere Temporal Faith
- □ **What it is** - Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life
  - □ Acts 16:31
  - □ The Chair
  - □ Beggar's Hand and Gratitude

## COMMITMENT

### Transition

- □ Does this make sense to you?

### Commitment

- □ Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life now?

### Clarification

- □ Let me clarify what this involves:
- □ Transfer trust
- □ Receive the resurrected and living Christ as Savior
  - □ John 10:9
- □ Receive Christ as Lord
- □ Repent

### Prayer

- □ If this is what you really want, I can lead us in prayer and we can tell God what you just now told me.
- □ Pray for them - that God would give them faith and repentance
- □ Pray with them - in short phrases of the GOSPEL OUTLINE, allowing them to repeat after you
- □ Pray for them - that the Holy Spirit will grant them assurance

### Assurance

- □ I would like you to read something Jesus says about what you have just done.
  - □ John 6:47
- □ Two diagnostic questions
- □ Welcome to the family of God

## IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP

- □ *Welcome...* leaflet
  - □ Read and sign "My Spiritual Birth Certificate"
- □ Five Means of Growth
  - □ Bible (7-day callback)
  - □ Prayer
  - □ Worship
  - □ Fellowship
  - □ Witness
- □ Appointment for church

## EVALUATION

- □ Excellent
- □ Good
- □ Needs work

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### Importance of Discipling

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In His Great Commission Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us to make disciples (Matthew 28:19).

- Do not judge the effectiveness of your evangelism and discipleship by only what you see in the person you have evangelized.
- Measure your effectiveness by your spiritual grandchildren.

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A disciple is a vital, functional, maturing, \_\_\_\_\_ follower of Jesus Christ and member of His Body.

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### Responsibility

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Responsibility for discipling is twofold:

- The individual witness and the team who led the new believer to Christ.
- The local church family.

The “parents” present at “birth” are the people who have the \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for nurture.

- Occasionally, the new believers and spiritual parents may encounter difficulty relating to each other due to difference in age, gender, personality, schedule, etc.
- Place them up for adoption.
- Never leave spiritual offspring as an \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Prerequisite for Effective Discipling

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#### Effective evangelism

- The best follow up begins with effective evangelism.
- The Gospel is to be proclaimed without compromise.
- People must be respected and communicated to in a way that enables them to intelligently accept or reject the Gospel.

#### Heart

- As in parenting, rearing spiritual children to become mature disciples requires a special God-like love.
- The more we open ourselves to God’s love, the more that love can flow through us to those who need it.

#### Perspective

- Ask God to give you an eternal, heavenly perspective on life.
- With eternity’s values in view, we will be more willing to let God’s grace mold our lives and make us into models for discipling others.

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## **Work**

- Discipling is hard work (Colossians 1:28-29).
- But it's work that has incredible rewards (I Corinthians 15:58).

## **Relationships**

- It is loving, caring people—not materials and programs—that make disciples.
- Proper relationships begin with your own relationship to the Lord.
- As you walk with Christ, you should be a model for those you are seeking to disciple.

## **Procedure**

**It is not enough to do the job right. The right job must be done in the right way.**

### **Assurance Scripture: John 6:47**

- You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ assurance to new believers.
- It is the believers' responsibility to make their own calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10).
- Nevertheless, you must make certain they understand the assurance God's Word promises.

## **IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP**

### **Welcome... leaflet**

- This leaflet is to be reviewed with and given to the prospect(s) who receive Christ.
- Inside the front cover is the "My Spiritual Birth Certificate."
- Invite them to read the certificate.
- Ask if that is the decision they have just made.
- Have each new believer sign the certificate.
- Write your name and phone number on the certificate(s).
- NOTE: The points to emphasize in the *Welcome...* leaflet are in bold type.

### **What is in the *Welcome...* leaflet?**

- "My Spiritual Birth Certificate"
- Review of the Gospel presentation
- Five Means of Growth
- Brief review
- Personal Study Guide questions from the Gospel of John

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**Quickly review the Gospel.**

**Emphasize the Five Means of Growth.**

\_\_\_\_\_ - **stress its importance using 1 Peter 2:2 and/or Psalm 119:105.**

- Give them a Gospel of John.
- Ask them to read a chapter a day in the Gospel of John.
- Establish a 7-day callback appointment to answer any questions that might arise in their reading.



\_\_\_\_\_ - **spend time each day in prayer conversing with God.**

- Prayer is simple language from the heart expressing:
  - ◆ Our love to God.
  - ◆ Our gratefulness to Him for eternal life.
  - ◆ Our dependence on Him for all of the needs of our lives.

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\_\_\_\_\_ - **worship regularly in a church that teaches the Bible.**

- Invite them to join you for Sunday worship. If they accept, make arrangements for transportation or meeting at an appropriate place on Sunday morning.
- If they are already attending a Bible-teaching church, encourage them to worship there faithfully.



\_\_\_\_\_ - **fellowship with Christians who will help you grow in your faith.**

- Every Christian needs other believers for mutual growth, encouragement, and strength.



\_\_\_\_\_ - **be a witness by telling others what Jesus Christ means to you.**

- Ask them who will be the first person they will tell about their decision to trust Christ.
- Encourage them to do this within 24 hours.

**If time permits, quickly go through Personal Study Guide Questions of the Welcome... leaflet.**

- Highlight the importance the Gospel of John (and all the Bible) after receiving the gift of eternal life.
- Ask them to memorize John 3:16. (personalized)
- Explain the simple Gospel of John study in the back of the book.
- Ask them for prayer requests and pray for them before parting.

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## **First Week Follow Up**

The week between the IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP and the 7-day callback is vitally important. It is strongly suggested that the following be accomplished in those first crucial days.

### **A birthday card or personal note**

- Some form of personal correspondence should be completed upon returning to the church. The card or note can include the following:
  - ♦ Express gratitude for hospitality extended.
  - ♦ Reinforce decisions made during the visit.
  - ♦ Remind new believers of future appointments.

### **Within 24 hours of the visit**

- Prayer.
  - ♦ Inform your prayer partners of the individual and the decision made.
  - ♦ New believers will have at least nine people praying for them.

### **Follow up phone call**

- A person of the same gender should make this call.
- Be brief and friendly.
- Express gratitude for the hospitality extended to your team.
- Remind them of the 7-day callback appointment.

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### **Within three days of the initial visit**

- Drop off a set of EE's follow up cassette tapes: "This is the Life," by Dr. D. James Kennedy.
- Many people who won't read books will listen to tapes.

### **Saturday phone call**

- If new believers accept your invitation to come to church on Sunday morning, call to confirm the arrangements.
- Sit with them and help them during the services.
- Invite them to the basics class for new believers and, if possible, attend with them until they are comfortable there.

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## **7-Day Callback**

**Make your 7-day callback visits during your \_\_\_\_\_ OJT time.**

**The checklist of procedures should be reviewed en route to the 7-day callback.**

- The checklist is found on pages 166, 167 of the *Evangelism Explosion* textbook.

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## Introduction

- Reintroduce the team. New believers will probably have forgotten the team's names.
- Ask, "How has your week been?"
- Church last Sunday?

## Personal testimony - EE team shares new Christian testimonies.

## Two diagnostic questions

- Ask the two questions again to assess their assurance and the basis of their faith.
- If the questions are answered improperly, simply repeat the Gospel presentation by walking them through the *Do You Know for Sure??* tract.

## Growth - determine if they have used the Five Means of Growth.

- Bible - Gospel of John read? Questions? John 3:16 memorized? Bible study completed?
- Prayer - enlist them as prayer partners and give them a *Prayer Partner* leaflet.
- Worship - if they missed Sunday worship, invite them again and let them know what a great service they missed!
- Fellowship - the early church broke bread together. Invite new believers to share a meal with you.
- Witness - explain Acts 16:31 and ask if you can help them share the Gospel with any of their family or relatives.

## Continuing Bible study

- This can be accomplished in a variety of settings.
- EE offers two printed Bible studies for this purpose:
  - ♦ *Partners in Discipleship* - eight inductive studies dealing with basic truths for new believers.
  - ♦ *Partners in Nurture* - 21 lesson inductive Bible study for new believers covering all 21 chapters of the Gospel of John.

## Parting prayer - ask for prayer requests and verbalize them in prayer before you leave.

## The local church family

- In Level II training we will discuss how the local church family can aid in the discipling process. A discussion of this topic is found in chapter ten of the *Evangelism Explosion* textbook.