
SO, SOMEONE RECEIVED THE GOSPEL, NOW WHAT?

1. Rejoice! Because that's exactly what God does whenever one of His lost sheep are found! (Luke 15)
2. Begin discipling them, on the spot! (it is less intimidating than it sounds...) What does that entail? Let's get practical. There are several things you need to do before you head off for the next house.
 - a. Set up a time to get together with them.
 - i. ASAP, and as specific as possible!
 1. Don't ask, "Is there a time when you can meet with me and another person from my church?"
 2. ASK, "What time tomorrow can you get together with me and/or another person from church to start learning more about what it means to follow Jesus?"
 - a. Obviously, they may not be able to tomorrow, but ask with a specific immediate time frame to direct the discussion to specifics.
 - ii. You may feel very inadequate, and that is okay! If you feel completely overwhelmed at the prospect of starting to 'disciple' a new believer, do the following:
 1. Set up a time and place that works for both you and them to meet.
 2. Then, reach out to _____ at church to get someone who is more confident to come along with you and lead out in the beginning of the discipleship process.
 - b. Get contact information from them (and... give them yours). You are the spiritual 'midwife' of their new birth. Don't make a convert; we're called to make disciples. Help them out!
 - c. Tell them when church services at EBC are, where EBC is, and how to get there.
 - d. Tell them when and where your LifeGroup meets.
 - i. If you don't have a LifeGroup, shame on you!!! Join one on the spot so that you can invite them to it. They don't know that some people view small group as an 'optional' part of church. It is part of being the church. Invite them to it!
 1. If you feel that your group may be a poor fit for them, invite them anyway. Then, when you meet, you can personally bring them to a different group and introduce them to it. (Maybe, even staying that morning with them in it to help them feel comfortable.)
 - e. Tell them how to find a Bible (print or digital—know both possible sources)
 - i. It is best to point them to something specific: there are an overwhelming number of ways to access the Bible, which could lead them to decision paralysis. (YouVersion- NASB, ESV, NIV)
 - ii. Briefly tell them how to start reading the Bible and have them start in the Gospel of John. Find it for them so they know where to start!
 - f. Tell them how to pray (and what it means to pray); show them what basic prayer is (A-C-T-S)
3. On-going follow-up
 - a. Be intentional at encouraging them—try to maintain some sort of contact (text, etc.)
 - i. Reminding/re-inviting them to church
 - ii. Reminding them of the decision they have made and even sharing brief truths with them.
 - b. invite them to come along with you sharing the Gospel next week! Or, ask them who they know that they could share this same message with them!