

Xenos Christian Fellowship
Christian Leadership 1 - Ecclesiology
Week 5 – The Church and our Ministry of Follow-Up

Introduction

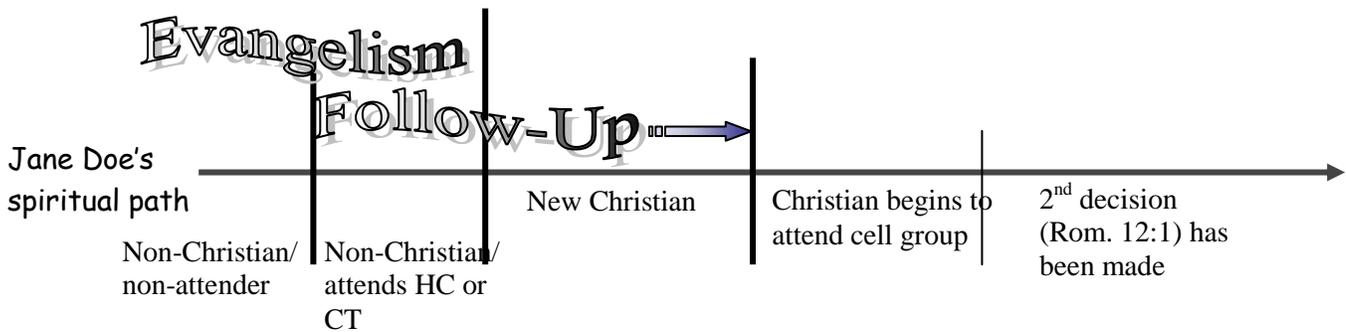
Contrast "Day Care" vs. "Healthy Family":

Definition of Follow-up

The process of on-going personal investment and communication of biblical truth that should occur after a new person has begun to attend home church or Central Teaching.

The goal of the Christian worker in this situation is to make available the truths of Christianity in a way that is understandable, and that is suited to the progress of the investigator. (2 Cor. 5:11; Jn. 21:15-17; Acts 2:44-47; Acts 5:42)

The final goal



Importance of Follow-up

Quantitative growth:

Qualitative growth:

6 Principles of effective Follow-up

1. Each new person that comes to a home church or Central Teaching should be engaged.
2. The workers in the group should communicate and cooperate with one another.

Leaders should take the initiative to *facilitate* each new person being followed up.

Leaders should ask a point person to agree to follow-up the person.

Most often this is the Christian who invited the guest.

The leaders should be clear on what the worker is agreeing to:

THIS IS A SACRED TRUST. THIS IS A STEWARDSHIP FROM GOD.

Qualification:

3. Personal Relationship Building is crucial to follow-up

1 Thess 2:5-12**

1 Thess. 2:17-3:10; 2 Cor. 11:29

There are three common barriers to genuine love:

1. "Scalp Hunting"
2. "Self-need"
3. "Affinity based relating"

Effective follow-up at meetings involves:

1.

2.

4. Prayer

(Eph 1:16-19)

(Col. 1:9-12)

(Eph 3:14-21)

Some practical things to pray about:



5. Sacrifice

Time

Money

Thought Life

Col. 1:28,29

Heb. 10:24

Phil. 1:9-11

The very thing they need from us to get incorporated into the Body of Christ – our sacrificial investment – is the very thing WE need to grow in the Lord (Jn. 13:17)

6. Consistency (in prayer and sacrifice)

2 Tim 2:6

We need to persevere.

We should anticipate opposition.

Practical Goals of Follow-up

- Encourage regular attendance at meetings.
- Once they are saved, acquaint them with the Means of Growth.
- Help them anticipate and counter dissonance. (Acts 14:22)
- Encourage their investment into others.
- Cultivate interest in cell group.

Keep your eye on the “Big Picture”

Don't invert Gal. 5:16.

Conclusion

Memory Verse

1 Thess. 2:7-12** - 3 key components of follow-up

Assignment

Read *Members of One Another*, Chapter 14 on equipping. Describe in a short discussion what you think your own ministry might need to strengthen for better equipping.

Write a one-page summary describing your present efforts in following someone up or someone's past efforts toward you. What is the most difficult part of follow-up for you and what steps can you take to overcome this difficulty?

Week Five Exam Guide

1. Know the definition of follow-up
2. Know the 6 principles of effective follow-up.