



**Sunday February 25, 2018**  
**Lifestyle Evangelism (Part-4)**  
**Nurture and Disciple**

We conclude our series on "Lifestyle Evangelism".

Quick review:

**Part -1 Necessity and Urgency**

**Necessity**

why should we witness about Jesus Christ - why tell people the message of Jesus Christ?

- 1, *People Need A Savior And There Is Only One*
- 2, *People Are Empty, Are Hurting, Are Searching, Are in Need*
- 3, *People will not know the truth unless someone tells them*

**Urgency**

Why do we need to be witnesses with a sense of urgency...and not 'do it when convenient'?

- 1, *People are perishing and they don't know it*
- 2, *Time is running out*

**Part -2 Overcoming Inhibitions**

- 1, Not knowing what the Gospel is
- 2, Assumption that people are not spiritual
- 3, Will people be convinced
- 4, Fear of rejection
- 5, Fear of persecution
- 6, Other Excuses

**Part -3 Simple Strategies**

Personal Strategies  
Group Strategies  
Be Prepared To Share  
Pray short prayers

**Today : Nurture and Disciple**

A new believer is born into God's family as a 'spiritual baby' and needs to grow spiritually. The Bible draws a parallel between spiritual growth and natural growth.

**1 Peter 2:2-3**

**2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,**  
**3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**



## **2 Peter 3:17-18**

**17** You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

**18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

We see other reference to stages of spiritual growth:

being like children instead of mature adults (Ephesians 4:13-15, 1 Corinthians 3:1-2, Hebrews 5:12-14)

## **Nurturing A Person's Spiritual Growth (How To Disciple A New Believer)**

### **#1, TEACH them God's Word**

Feed with milk and move to solid food. Start with the basics and build. Make use of our FOUNDATIONS (Track-1) book, or they can listen and go through it online at:

[apcwo.org/foundations](http://apcwo.org/foundations)

Teach them about Water baptism & The Lord's Table

### **Acts 20:32**

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

### **#2, TRAIN them in spiritual disciplines**

They need to become responsible for their own growth.

Personal time in prayer

Personal reading of God's Word

Godly character and Christ-like living

### **Hebrews 5:12-14**

**12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

**13** For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

**14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use (*i.e. constant practice*) have their senses exercised (*i.e. trained*) to discern both good and evil.

### **#3, CONNECT them with Christian fellowship**

Encourage them to interact with other believers

Life Groups

Local Church

### **Hebrews 10:25**

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.



#### **#4, EQUIP them to serve**

Encourage them to exercise spiritually

Show them how to sharing Jesus with others

Minister to them Holy Spirit baptism

Encourage them to attend Weekend Schools and get equipped

Encourage them to serving in the Local church

Encourage them to participate in outreaches and in missions

**Ephesians 4:12**

**for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,**

Every believer (saint) has to be equipped for the work of the ministry.

At APC we often say that ever believer is a minister.

#### **Some Simple Guidelines**

- Nurture (Disciple) One on One : Spend time with them personally during their initial days of walking with God.
- Journeying with them until they can walk on their own.
- When they are able allow them to walk on their own and pursue God's purposes. Encourage them to move ahead
- Support them through challenges they may face, e.g. persecution from family or friends.

Each one of us should be actively involved in evangelism - leading people to Jesus and nurturing them in the faith.

#### **Ministry Time**



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 Peter 2:2-3; 2 Peter 3:17-18; Ephesians 4:13-15; Acts 20:32; Hebrews 5:12-14*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Discuss these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*#1, Draw a comparison of the natural growth of a baby into adulthood, with stages of spiritual growth and maturity? (Identify some spiritual growth stages, and characteristics of those stages)*

*#2, Review the Four areas (Teach, Train, Connect, Equip) in which we need to nurture new believers. Discuss these so that you understand the importance of each. Share personal experiences, if any, that you have had in working with new believers in any of these four areas and what you learnt from those practical situations.*



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Within the group, feel free to share areas of emotional healing that may be needed. (Keep all matters confidential). Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

Close by thanking God together.