

What Every New Christian Needs

....And How YOU Can Help!

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- To grow... (1 Pet. 2:1-3; Heb. 5:12-6:2)

1 Peter 2:1-3 ESV

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation-- 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hebrews 5:12-6:2 ESV

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:12-6:2 ESV

1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

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Ephesians 4:11-15 ESV

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:11-15 ESV

14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

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- As part of a Christian family (Eph. 4:16; Mark 3:32-35; 1 Th. 2:7-12;19-20)

Ephesians 4:16 ESV

from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Mark 3:32-35 ESV

And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 ESV

7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. 9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 ESV

10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. 11 For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 ESV

19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? 20 For you are our glory and joy.

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- Our Congregation

Studies for New Members

- To ground new Christians in basic truths that will serve them well throughout their Christian lives
- To provide new Christians with opportunities to form bonds with their spiritual family
- To provide mature members with opportunities

The Plan

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- Within the first 6 to 12 months of their Christian lives they will have connected with 6 to 12 mature Christians

What will Happen

- The study topics presented as sermons during our main worship
 - New Christians
 - Mature Christians

What We Will Have

- A list of topics to be shared with new Christians
- For each topic
 - Names of one or two mature Christians or couples ready to share that topic
 - Outlines provided

VERY IMPORTANT!

Each new saint needs 7 new spiritual family relationships within 1st four months. These Bible studies are needed for their initial strengthening.

New
Christian
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New
Christian
2
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New
Christian
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Study Topic		Teacher / Host-Phone					
1	Counting the Cost & Self-Discipline	Mature Christian 1 XXX-XXX-XXXX	8/12/2010 6:30 pm	8/4/2010 12:00 pm			
2	How To Study Bible	Mature Christian 2 XXX-XXX-XXXX	8/19/2010 7:00 pm	8/31/2010			
3	Prayer	Mature Christian 3 XXX-XXX-XXXX OR (For women) Mature Christian 15 XXX-XXX-XXXX	9/15/2010				
4	Attendance	Mature Christian 4 XXX-XXX-XXXX	9/17/2010				
5	Lord's Supper & Worship	Mature Christian 5 XXX-XXX-XXXX	9/24/2010				
6	Contribution Giving to God	Mature Christian 6 XXX-XXX-XXXX	10/2/2010				
7	Overcoming Sin	Mature Christian 7 XXX-XXX-XXXX	10/9/2010				