

Strategy for Building the Church

How we reach those who are seekers



We build relationships with others -- People will listen more to those whom they trust, to friends with whom they have a relationship. Before inviting others closer to God we believe we need to move closer to them, wherever they may be. We value starting relationships with all people, not just other believers. And we choose to stick with our friends, even if they are slow to join us in our faith.



We share our faith -- God will create an opening for each person to share something about their life and why God matters to them. The people who already trust you will be more open to hearing about what difference following Jesus has made in you than in arguments or doctrines. They will also be looking for signs of your faith in your actions. We can also help you learn how best to share your faith with others.



Invite to a seeker event -- We provide many chances for you to invite your friends to events where they will be safe from all those things they do not like about "Church." Our 11:00 Sunday services and our Friday Night Spirit Cafe are designed to give people a chance to look for what's most important in their lives. Most new people say they attend a church because someone has invited them ...



Learn to be a disciple -- As new people accept Jesus and turn their lives over to him, they will need to grow in their faith and in their knowledge of how God's Spirit is at work in them. We encourage new members to join in deeper and deeper levels of spiritual growth, especially through our worship services at 9:00 Sunday, and through participating in the life of the church, such as when you ...



Participate in a small group -- Jesus calls us into a community of faithful people called the church. That sense of community most people are looking for in their lives can best be shared in small groups. We will help anyone find a way into one of our small groups, where they can be nurtured, cared for, and can learn and grow in their faith with others who both help them and hold them accountable.



Discover and use your spiritual gifts -- God gives each of us spiritual gifts to use for building up the church and for ministering in the wider community. We will help everyone discover their unique gifts. Then we will help them match their gifts and passions with ways in which they can serve God. Using your gifts is how you can truly make a difference in God's world.



Support the Church -- Once someone has put their trust in God, we believe their priorities in life change. Christ Followers want to honor God in all they do, and with all they have. Knowing that God has given us so much already, they offer back to him some of their time (by volunteering), their talents (by using their spiritual gifts) and their treasure (through financial support). Notice, though, that this is the last step we ask people to take, not the first.