Levels of progress in follow up

We can evaluate the progress we've made in our work with someone by taking inventory of talks we've had, steps they have taken, etc. These steps are merely practical interpretations of the command to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). Some steps may not be relevant to some students (e.g., if they are already a Christian, steps relating to salvation aren't relevant). Also, some stages may be in a different order for some students.

Personal, friendly talk

You have had at least one talk where you exchanged personal information (school, work, likes and dislikes, etc.). If you brought this person, obviously this step is not relevant.

Spiritual conversation

You have discussed spiritual interests, why s/he is here, spiritual background, reaction to the meeting, etc.

Spiritual discernment

You understand what s/he believes and why. You have ideas of what s/he needs next.

Gospel

You have explained the gospel clearly. You have given him/her something to do next (read scripture, read a book, pray, etc.).

Salvation

Has made a decision for Christ.

Discussion of spiritual growth

You have had a persuasive discussion about why they need to pursue their relationship with God, study the scriptures, etc. If s/he won't get involved in a study group, you know why. You have a plan for how to persuade him/her to go further.

Commitment to evangelism

Even young Christians need to understand why we reach out to non-Christians. S/he wants to reach friends for Christ.

An understanding of the need for fellowship

You have shared scriptures on Christian fellowship as a means of growth. S/he is persuaded of the need for close friends, faithful attendance at meetings, etc.

Involvement in a study group

S/he is attending a study group.

Personal time

You are getting regular, personal time.

A commitment to scripture

S/he knows the passages on scripture as a means of growth and is committed to learning scripture. S/he will also read books.

A commitment to leadership

Committed to learning how to serve in our group. S/he has signed up for the student leadership group. You are consistently discussing matters of God's work.

A vision for life

There is an understanding of what a lifetime of walking with God would look like. S/he knows about the rest of our church and has a vision for getting involved in other groups (such as career groups or other ministries).

Personal Inventory

Instructions

Write the name of the person you are involved with in a column at the top. Then check off each stage that currently applies. *Don't check off a stage unless you are absolutely sure!* For example, think of whether that person would check off the same stages as you. Put an asterisk next to a stage you feel *must* be accomplished next.

This personal inventory may help you identify trends in your work with people. Hopefully it will also help you see where you need to go next with a person.

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