

**MEET
JESUS**

Moving from 'Meet Jesus' to 'My Lord'

A training session handout for how to follow up someone interested in Jesus, prayerfully taking them from meeting Jesus to making Him Lord of their life!

This training session is intended for one hour.

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Training handout

Discuss : What helped you make your decision to follow Jesus?

Thinking theologically

1) Parable of the Soils

Read Mark 4:1-20.

Discuss : Describe the heart and life of a student in Soil 2. What does a student in Soil 2 need to hear, and why?

Discuss : Describe the heart and life of a student in Soil 3. What does a student in Soil 3 need to hear, and why?

2) Parable of the Growing Seed

Read Mark 4:26-29

Discuss : What does this parable say about God's role in our evangelism and follow-up?

3) An insightful framework

Thresholds to faith (Everts/Schaupp, "I Once Was Lost")

1) From distrust, to trust

2) From complacent, to curious

3) From being closed to change, to being open to change in their life

4) From meandering, to seeking

5) Entering the kingdom

Thinking practically

1) Hearing Jesus' words

1a) Read a Gospel account together

Discuss : If you were to pick 4-8 Bible passages in John's Gospel to read with someone investigating Jesus, what would you choose, and why?

1b) Go through a course together

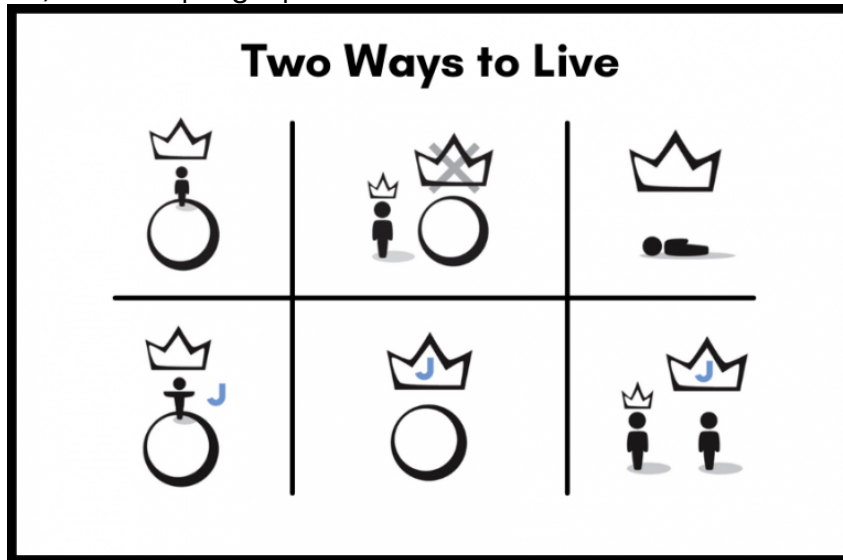
Discuss : What courses have you done in your church/campus group that you found helpful, and why?

2) Accepting Jesus' words

2a) Knowing the gospel

Discuss : What are the key things someone needs to know, to put their trust in Jesus?

2b) An example gospel outline



2c) Inviting someone to accept Jesus into their life

Practical steps (Everts/Schaupp, "I Once Was Lost")

- 1) Ask them, explicitly and simply, to enter the kingdom.
- 2) If they say no to a call to commitment, ask them why they are saying no. Find out what their questions are, what their blocks are.
- 3) Honestly help them either resolve or set aside the various blocks that are keeping them from choosing Jesus.
- 4) Help them focus on Jesus and the central issues, setting aside non-essential doctrinal issues (resurrection is key, history of the Crusades is not).
- 5) Help them see how they are responding or not responding to Jesus himself.
- 6) Study passages from the Gospels with them that deal with salvation and lostness in honest language.
- 7) Encourage new believers to be telling their stories of journeying to faith, to help seekers see how seeking can end.
- 8) Before asking them to commit, warm them up to the fact that a decision opportunity lies ahead.

2d) Praying with someone to accept Jesus into their life

An example prayer (Uncover)

Dear Father,

I'm sorry I've been living my life without you as my God.

I admit I deserve your judgement, and I cannot fix this myself.

Please forgive me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to die in my place.

Thank you that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today.

Please help me now to live with Jesus as my Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Questions to discuss with them :

- 1) WHAT is in this prayer to become a follower of Jesus?
- 2) WHY is it in the prayer to become a follower of Jesus?
- 3) WOULD you like to pray this prayer to follow Jesus?

Next steps

Resources

"I Once Was Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us about Their Path to Jesus," Don Everts & Doug Schaupp

Two Ways To Live website (twowaystolive.com)

Uncover website (uncover.org.au)