

9 Ways to Invest in New Believers

1. MEET THEM

You can't LEAD them if you don't MEET them

It is IMPERATIVE that **every Christian** in our church make it a point to MEET and GREET the new convert.

- **Memorize their name.** (easy to remember their name if you start praying for them every day... especially if they got saved.)
- **Get a few details** (no need for background check or full medical history)
- **Show genuine interest in them**
Establish good eye contact
Pay attention to them

2. FOLLOW-UP

- Have them fill out a welcome card
- Get their contact info
- Give them YOUR contact info
- At the minimum, mail them a card or letter
- Text them to see how they are doing
- SCHEDULE A MEAL (and pay for it)
This is a great time to get to know them and allow them to tell their story
- After you get to know them a little, turn the conversation to their decision to follow Christ.
- Ask them to tell you about what happened to them.

3. CONFIRM THEIR DECISION TO FOLLOW CHRIST

This is important because I guarantee you.. the devil will FLOOD THEIR MIND WITH DOUBT

- You really didn't get saved
- You're still the same you've always been
- You can't shake your habits
- You'll never become an overcoming Christian

Explain to them what happened and what Jesus did for them.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

In the **Billy Graham Christian Workers Handbook...**

- Pages 9-10 in the Handbook show you how to help someone **confirm their decision to receive Christ**, and
- pages 11-12 walk you through how to **give them assurance of salvation** if they have questions. (available on our website)

4. START THEM IN THE BIBLE

- If they don't own a Bible, get them one.
- Find out if they are familiar with the Bible, and give a quick tour.
- Show the Table of Contents, and the Old and New Testaments.
- Explain that the story of Jesus' life on earth is told from four perspectives in the Gospels.
- Tell them YOUR story about loving the Bible and using it as your guidebook for how you live.
- I like to suggest to new believers to start reading the Bible in the book of Luke, and then keeping reading through the New Testament.

5. ESTABLISH A ONE-ON-ONE BIBLE STUDY WITH THEM

- Sunday school class is great! But it doesn't give them an opportunity to ask questions.
- And some questions may be personal
- Prepare a lesson plan for them to follow
- Assign homework assignments
- FOLLOW-UP / FOLLOW-UP

6. GET THEM INVOLVED IN MINISTRY

- Involvement makes them feel like it's THEIR CHURCH.
- They will be more faithful if they have something to do
- What are you doing? Can they assist you?

INVOLVE THEM I've seen too many new converts forgotten about

- Ask them to go out with you after church to eat
- Include them in Church functions
- Invite them to the Labor Day Picnic
- Have them play volleyball

CHURCH CLIQUES will be the death of a Church!

7. GET THEM ESTABLISHED IN A SMALL GROUP

They've already crossed the hurdle of coming to a new church. What group would they fit in best?

- **Ladies group?**
- **Men's group?**
- **Youth Group?**
- **Children's Church?**

Again, include them. Don't leave them on the sideline.

8. TALK ABOUT BAPTISM

- Explain what Water baptism is as well as Holy Ghost baptism
- Show them in the Scripture
- Give them examples
- Tell your experience

9. ENCOURAGE THEM TO INVITE THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CHURCH

- have each new believer write down a list of people they want to share their new faith with while they were still wet from baptism.
- Urge them to tell their loved ones about their decision to follow Jesus.
- It's an important step of **public identification**.

WHAT DOES ALL THIS COST?

Time / Effort / Money / Sacrifice / Tears / Trust / Patience / Longsuffering / Forgiveness / Giving your Heart

Will EVERYONE you invest in keep the faith? NO

But there is a much higher retention rate for those who you do invest in than not.

<https://chosenministriesinc.org/discipleship/>