

Basic Guide for Shepherding of Individuals

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Part 1: Make Sure People Know Basic Christianity

A. Teach how to pray.

- Use the Lord's prayer, Matt 6.
- Or ACTS: Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication.

B. Teach how to read the Bible:

- Slowly: Read, meditate, pray, live. In a spiral.
- To teach: CAPTOR: Context, Analysis, Problem-solving, Themes, Obligations, Reflect on main theme. Christ-centered, not legalistic.
- Programs to read the Bible in a year.

C. How to mend a relationship:

- Diagnostic: Is there sin here, or am I hurt or irritated?
- If there is sin, forgive in the heart regardless (internal aspect).
- If there is sin, follow Matthew 18:15 and Galatians 6:1. Candid and gentle.

D. Build a skill.

- Pursue a skill: teaching, evangelism, leading meetings, visitation
- Expect to share what you know with others.

Part 2: Practical Matters:

- Talk to varied people before and after church and classes. 10 minutes.
- Pray for divine appointments in advance and expect them.
- Meet with people in need, one on one.
- Meet with people: talented, growing, facing decisions, one on one.
- Develop an eye for basic needs: After surgery, birth, death, job loss, etc.
- Develop an eye for the wider church, locally, nationally, and beyond.
- Develop the will to intervene in conversation. To say "Great point" or "terrible idea" without hesitation out of love and knowledge.
- Know when to tell a pastor about a need, and when to meet it yourself.
- Learn how to contact the MIA. Do it enough to become comfortable.