



Cell: Caring for New Christians

One of the most exciting things that we can be involved with is helping new Christians grow in their understanding of and love for God.

New Christians will need a lot of attention

New Christians are like new born babies. They need a lot of time and care to help them through the first few stages of their growth. We need to be there for them when they feel vulnerable and unsure.

New Christians will not change overnight

God's intention for every believer is not that they are simply 'informed Christians' but are being 'formed' as 'disciples' of Jesus. God has a timed plan for each new Christian and you need to be able to know what God is highlighting for them now. There are obviously some issues that they will turn away from immediately but other issues are less black and white. You don't need to place heavy burdens on people that they are unable to carry. Be gentle and full of grace.

Build solid foundations

New Christians need to know they are loved by Father God, their sins are forgiven and they have been given a brand new start. They need to know these truths not just feel them. Use some appropriate discipleship resource to help.

Encourage and Pray Endlessly

New Christians need constant encouragement and prayer.

Include them

Make sure the rest of the cell are aware that these new Christians need to be included in the life of the cell. It is often hard for new Christians as they may only know one or two other Christians and need to know they are not on the outside looking in.

Discussion:

1. Are there new Christians in my cell? If so, how have we looked after them?
2. Are there ways we could improve our care of new Christians?



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