



CoJourners Training Series : Level 1

Week 7: Caring for New Believers

Purpose:

To learn how to encourage new believers as they grow in Christ.

Preparation:

1. Download the set of four "Mentor" cards.
2. Print out enough copies for everyone in the group

Plan:

1. **Discuss** last week's action plan.
2. **Read** the entire "Care Package" card up to the "action point."
3. **Discuss the "action plan."**
 - Which of the five can you do to encourage young or new believers, or even seekers in their spiritual journey?

4. Action Plan :

1. This week, plan to start applying the five points on how to care for new believers.
2. Read through each of the 4 "Mentor" cards once this week during your personal devotional time.

5. **Future Plan:** Using the action plan from the card, "Turning Points", Take time in a future small group time or one-on-one time to go over the "Satisfied" booklet with your group members.

Care Package

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2 When people come to Christ, they are particularly vulnerable to difficulties and distractions that can spiritually derail them. They need mature believers to encourage them.

The apostle Paul's relationship to the new believers in Thessalonica provides an excellent model for us. Like Paul, we can care for new believers in five ways:

- 4** Pray for them. (1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3; 3:10, 11-13)
2. Spend time with them. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-20, especially 2:8)
3. Write to them, or provide them something appropriate to read. (1 and 2 Thessalonians)
4. Connect them with other believers. (1 Thessalonians 1:3; 3:6; 4:9, 10; 5:11, 12-15, 26-27)
5. Have another Christian leader connect with them. (1 Thessalonians 3:1, 2)

We can't guarantee another person will grow to spiritual maturity (Mark 4:13-20). But we can and should do all we can to help them grow.

3 Action Plan

Identify younger believers who you know need a spiritual mentor. Which of the five can you do to encourage them in their spiritual journey? Plan to get started this week.

Summary

Young believers need an active caregiver to help them grow.