

Jesus' 1

Holiness is not separation from sinful _____ but separation from a sinful _____.

John 12: 47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.

80-90% of new converts to Christianity came through the influence of a friend or relative. 5-6% came through the work of the preacher and even less through Sunday School.

Six Stages of Discipleship (Where is Your 1?)

STAGE	DESCRIPTION
#1: The Uncultivated Ground	Unaware of God, uninterested
#2: The Cleared Field	Seeking spiritual answers
#3: The Plowed Field	Positive exposure to Christianity
#4: The Sown Field	Challenged by the Gospel
Emergence=New Birth	
#5: Visible Growth	First steps as a Christian
#6: Harvest	Discipled and ready to disciple others

Mark 4: 26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Principles to consider when reaching out to your 1:

1. Get involved in the community. Join interest groups...volunteer at hospitals...contacts nearby schools...attend presentations by local schools and students...go to sports games...
2. Be aware of people in your life. When you think about it, we often ignore the very people God has put in our lives right around us...the cashier at the grocery...the postman...people in an elevator...
3. Meet your neighbors. When you pass them on the street, take time to introduce yourself...spend time with them in their front yard.
4. Ask questions and listen to answers. Most people aren't used to having people show interest in them. If you're willing to listen, many are willing to talk...ask them about everything.
5. Live Christ to earn the right to speak about Christ. Let your light shine for folks to see it before you start guiding them by that same light. 1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among...
6. Pray. Prayer is the key component of our dealings with outsiders. We pray for them. We pray for ourselves and our witness. We pray for guidance...not to be led into temptation.
7. Don't expect them to act like a Christian right away. Be long suffering and patient.