



IDEA SHEET

New Convert Care Ministry

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Helping New Believers Grow in Christ

- **Daily Relationship with Christ.** One of the most important and fundamental elements of discipling new converts is to get them to understand the value in having a daily prayer time and Bible reading to help them grow in their walk with God. If new converts do not invest into their daily walk with Jesus, the potential for them to lose momentum and backslide will increase. One effective idea is to help keep them accountable by establishing prayer partners with saints in the church.
- **Build Loving Relationships.** It must be frequently encouraged in your congregation to have consistent, loving relationships with new converts. As the family of Christ, let your new converts see His love of unity and brotherhood by frequently doing meaningful things together, such as going to lunch or coffee, going shopping, making crafts together, or simply talking at one another's homes.
- **Fellowship with Other Believers.** Another element of follow-up with new believers is to introduce them to other Christians who can encourage and support them. This can happen by inviting friends from other churches in the district to participate in your hangout excursions, and also by taking new believers with you to local and national conferences.
- **Encourage Evangelism.** It must be strongly encouraged by the church for new converts to share the gospel with other people. This typically works very effectively, as new converts are already excited about their salvation and naturally want to share their experience with the world. This behavior must be positively reinforced, as this will help to further establish the new convert.
- **Active Involvement.** While rushing a new convert into a position of ministry is not necessarily the best idea, it is necessary to get the new believer involved in some area of church work as quickly as is possible. This will give the new convert a greater sense of belonging and purpose within the church.

New Convert Care Ministry Calendar:

- **November:** Host a new converts' dinner with the theme "Thankful For Our Family." The menu can relate to this theme by being comprised of Thanksgiving foods. Set aside time in the event for church members to discuss the attributes of each new convert that they are thankful for.



Be Reminded. With the amount of work that we as individuals participate in on a daily basis, sometimes we forget the need to keep in constant contact with our new converts. The sooner that we admit our ability to make this mistake, the sooner we can work on fixing it. Utilize your smartphone or another mobile device to set daily or weekly reminders to make contact with a new convert (or several). It doesn't have to be fancy. Just let your new converts know that you are taking the time to think about them and that you care about them, and encourage the members in your congregation to do the same.

Resource Files for You

NCGE06.txt

"Welcoming New Converts"

Opening the arms of the church wide.

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"The Friendship Factor"

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