

COJOURNERS – LESSON 4 – MENTOR

“Leading others”

What is a mentor?

Spiritual journeys do not end when people come to Jesus. In fact, that is just the beginning. What do people that have come to Jesus need most? Their two greatest needs are to connect with a community of believers that will help them grow and to learn the foundational truths of following Christ. A mentor helps a person make connections and learn key concepts. The mentor encourages, guides and instructs the younger believer along the way.

Leader’s Notes:

This study is designed for students to begin to use their Bible to explain foundational truths of the Christian life. The issues you will be talking about today are actually the first five Bible studies you led first semester. We want our students to begin to know how to teach others. As you lead, share the issue, let them discuss how to address the issue and let them brainstorm passages in the Bible. Then, share the passage listed, turn to it and read it together.

A new believer’s journey can be filled with struggles. Many will face the following issues. Where in scripture would you take these new believers and why? Let’s take a look at some of these passages.

- 1) Being uncertain: am I really a Christian? How would you answer? Where would you take them in scripture?
1 John 5:11-13
- 2) Feeling unworthy: I am bad because I still sin. How would you answer? What scripture? 1 John 1:5-2:2
- 3) Being unable: I don’t have what it takes to live the Christian life. Your answer? Scripture? 1 Corinthians 2:12-3:3
- 4) Being unprepared: Why do I struggle with wrong desires? Your answer? Scripture? Galatians 5:16-26
- 5) Being undeveloped: How do I grow in my Christian life? Your answer? Scripture? Acts 2:42-47
- 6) Which of these struggles have you experienced?
- 7) What are the other basic concepts a new believer needs to understand and experience? (Importance of the Word, Quiet times, prayer, fellowship/community, evangelism, heart for the lost, eternal perspective, obedience, identity in Christ, importance of the Church, etc.)

Action Steps

- Pray for God to give you a handful of younger believers to mentor spiritually. Is there someone you can start with now?
- Add new believers to your prayer list, recognizing the battle they face. Pray through Colossians 1:9-12 on their behalf. Other passages to use include Ephesians 1:15-19, 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13.
- If you don’t know any new believers, share the gospel with someone on your 10+ list that seems to be the most spiritually open. Use the Knowing God Personally booklet if necessary.