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**New Commitments to Christ: Guest Services**





Making the decision to follow Christ is the most important decision a person can make. As a weekend volunteer you may have an attender approach you about how to begin a relationship with Jesus. This decision is one that should be fully understood and celebrated. We want you to feel equipped to talk to an adult or student about how to follow Christ. This booklet is designed to help answer any questions about a) how to affirm a decision an attender has already made to follow Christ and b) how to lead someone to Christ for the first time.

### Your goals as a volunteer:

- Connect with attenders on a personal level
- Confirm or help them understand their decision by walking through the materials
- Share resources and possible next steps
- Collect their contact information (for follow-up)

### Materials:

- **Follow Jesus Booklet:** This booklet assists the new believer in understanding their decision, and is a tool for walking someone through this decision for the first time.
- **Info Form:** This tool is used to mark the date of each new believer's decision for Christ. EBC uses this information to know who made a decision to follow Christ, celebrate their decision, and guide them in possible next steps.
- **Bible:** Our desire is for new believers to begin their new life in Christ with the guidance of God's word. We provide New Testament Bibles for those who don't already have one.

### Resources

- Pastor of Serving or any EBC staff member can assist you with questions.
- Prayer Team Volunteers are equipped with more resources to assist you.

### Three steps

#### 1. Confirm their decision

As attenders approach you, this is the point in which you determine whether they are a new believer or if they want to learn how to begin a relationship with Jesus. You can do this by simply asking the question "Did you pray the prayer with the pastor today?"

- a. If they answer yes, follow the "new believer" steps below.
- b. If they answer no or have questions, follow the steps starting on page 5.

### New Commitments to Christ Training: Part 1

#### The New Believer:

Give them a Follow Jesus booklet and let them know:

1. You are forgiven.
2. You are a new person in Christ.
3. You have eternal life.



2. **Growth** - Encourage them to grow in their faith.

**Adults:** Pages 7-9 lists next steps

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
When you receive Christ, you are born into God's family and given the Holy Spirit. God's spirit—which guides you and reveals God's truth—lives in you.  
You have a new relationship with God, and a new future. All of Heaven is rejoicing—and we are too.

**WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!**  
For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

**WHAT NOW?**  
**MAKE IT PERSONAL**  
Deciding to follow Christ is more than just trying to live a better life. You need to make your faith your own. If your heart or spirit has changed, your outward actions, ambitions, and priorities will follow.

**TELL SOMEONE**  
Share your decision with friends and family.  
If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**GET BAPTIZED**  
Celebrate your new life in Christ by participating in baptism, as Jesus commands. Believe and be baptized.

**ATTEND CHURCH**  
Spend time with other Christ followers. Be in community and serve together.  
And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

**IF YOU ARE A STUDENT, ATTEND STUDENT MINISTRIES**  
Ground Zero is Eagle Brook's ministry for students in grades 6-8 and Revolution is for students in grades 9-12.  
Visit [eaglebrookchurch.com](http://eaglebrookchurch.com) for more information.

**PRAY**  
Prayer is a simple conversation between you and God. Thank Him for what's going on in your life. Confess your sin to Him and your desire to turn away from it. Ask God to guide your life and for the power to trust him more and more.

**READ YOUR BIBLE**  
You will know God's heart better when you connect with him through prayer and reading the Bible. The New Believer's Bible contains great study notes to get you on the right path, and we've included a 31-day Read Your Bible plan on the next page to get you started. Stay up-to-speed with Read Your Bible plans by downloading the EBC app, available in the App Store and Google Play.

**SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS**  
Share your story about the difference he's making in your life. Demonstrate your new life in Christ by showing your love and concern for others.  
Jesus called out to them, "Come follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people."



**3. Prayer** - Ask them if you can pray for them and congratulate them again on this decision.

- a. Pray with them: *Dear God, we are thankful for \_\_\_\_\_'s decision to today to follow you. I ask that you would bless and guide \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she begins their relationship with you. Thank you for your great love for us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*
- b. Let them know that this day marks a new beginning. Encourage them to mark this moment in their Follow Jesus booklet.

**Adults/Students:**

- c. Resources: As a church, we are excited about each person that makes this decision. Have them complete the info card and give them a bible. By filling out the info card we can follow up and celebrate with each new believer.

**New Commitments to Christ Training: Part 2**

**Those who want to learn how to follow Christ or have questions:**

**1. Listen** – Hear their story.

Use the booklet to help answer their questions.

- a. **Adults/Students** (12+) Page 1-5 in the Follow Jesus booklet answers commonly asked questions by unbelievers. Be familiar with this content

THE DECISION TO ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE YOU'LL EVER MAKE.

**Q WHY WOULD GOD CARE ABOUT ME?**  
God loves you. He chose you. He has a plan for your life. He desires to personally know each one of us, inside and out.  
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
**JOHN 3:16**  
... We are always thankful that God chose you, to experience salvation—through your belief in the truth.  
**2 THESSALONIANS 2:13**

**Q IF GOD LOVES ME SO MUCH, WHY DOES HE FEEL SO FAR AWAY?**  
All of us were created with an emptiness inside that can only be filled by embracing the reality of how much God loves us. We long to have the assurance that even when we're not perfect, we will still be loved, valued and accepted by God.  
For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.  
**JEREMIAN 29:11**  
Despite our desire to be loved and known by God, however, people naturally turn their backs on God. We choose to go our own way and ignore biblical truth. This is the nature of sin that we're born with and it keeps us separate from God. Sin has a way of killing our relationships, our joy, and our closeness with God. The penalty for sin is spiritual death.

**Q CAN I GET ON GOD'S GOOD SIDE BY BECOMING A BETTER PERSON?**

Because of sin, a huge, impassable gap exists between us and God. We try to reconcile with God by being a good person or by following religious rules, but no human effort can make us good enough to fix our separation from God. Still, God deeply loves us and desires for us to cross this gap and be in relationship with him.

**Q HOW DO I GET TO GOD?**

Because God loves us so much, his solution was to send his son, Jesus Christ, to bridge that gap between us.

God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

**ROMANS 5:8**

There is no other way for us to get to God other than through Jesus.

Jesus was fully God and fully human, yet he had no sin. Jesus willingly laid down his life and, three days later, rose from the dead. In His death and resurrection, His life paid the price for our sin once and for all.

For it is by **GRACE** you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

**Q HOW DO I ACCEPT THIS GIFT OF GRACE?**

Forgiveness of our sins is a gift from God when we accept Jesus as the one who saved us. We can't earn it and we don't deserve it, but he chooses to give it to us freely.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves. It is the gift of God.

**EPHESIANS 2:8**

If you want to begin a relationship with Jesus right now, you can talk to him as you would a friend. To help you along, here's an example:



- 3. Prayer:** Ask if they are ready to accept God's free gift of salvation.
- If no, give them a Follow Jesus booklet and let them know if they have any question they can ask anyone at any time.
  - If yes, pray with them. Pray out loud and have them repeat after you.

Adults/Students: On page 6 you can find an example of this prayer.


**"DEAR GOD,**  
I CONFESS THAT I AM A SINNER. I BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR MY SINS. THEN ROSE FROM THE DEAD. I ACCEPT YOU INTO MY LIFE. I'M TURNING AWAY FROM DOING THINGS MY OWN WAY, AND ASKING YOU TO SHOW ME YOUR WAY. LEAD MY LIFE, LORD. THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME AND GIVING ME A NEW LIFE. AMEN."

You are a new person in Christ! Have faith in that. Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

**JOHN 5:24**



- Celebrate with them! They have a new life in Christ! Go back to page 1 in this training guide and review the new believer section.