

TE5.06 Establish New People in Church

(6.25 hours)

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| Apprentice: | Trainer: | Completed: / / |
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In one sense the unbeliever needs two conversions, one to Christ and the other to church. In reality of course, there is only one, because genuine conversion results in a commitment to God's people. However, for some people, finding their way into church life is a major cross cultural experience and they need all the help we can give. Apprentices should learn the subtleties of enfolding people into church life, since this will be a key ingredient of their long term ministry.

Exercise

To establish new people in Church life.

Aims

1. To be successful in enfolding people into church life.
2. To be aware of the difficulties faced by outsiders in establishing themselves in church.
3. To understand personal and church strategies for drawing in newcomers.

Apprentices

There are different categories of newcomers whom the Apprentice needs to establish in church, such as:

1. Interested non-Christian
2. Needy person looking for friendship and support
3. New Christian
4. Transfer from another church
5. Christian moved into area
6. Struggling Christian returning to church

Trainers

1. Assess whether the Apprentice is successful in establishing new members in church and if not, to work through the reasons.
2. Work out with Apprentice a strategy for establishing each person, using the table below:

| Name | Done | To be done | Action |
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| Welcome letter sent | | | |
| Initial visit | | | |
| Church programs explained | | | |

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| Follow-up call or visit | | | |
| Met again at church | | | |
| Introduced to others at church | | | |
| Logistics of transport worked out | | | |
| Worked through their uncertainties about church | | | |
| Established in a Bible study group | | | |
| Have made friends at church | | | |
| Formal church membership if applicable | | | |
| Have invited others to church | | | |