**Leading Adults to Christ**

Christianity is about more than going to church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each of his or her group members enter into this life-long relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal:

*Remember salvation is a matter of grace, not works*. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8–9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2–6). Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

*Ask questions.* Encourage self-examination and allow your group members to explain their responses when the Holy Spirit is at work in their hearts.

*Don’t rely on emotions.* This is a reasonable decision, not merely an emotional response.

*Provide opportunities for one-on-one conversations.* Adults will have more freedom to deal with heart issues when they are not in a large group.

*Keep it simple.* Being born again is not complicated. Here’s a simple way to explain it*:*

* + ***Acknowledge*** *your sinfulness and your need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).*
  + ***Trust*** *in Christ’s sacrifice for your sins and in His resurrection (Romans 10:9–10).*
  + ***Surrender*** *your life to God’s transforming power (Romans 12:1–2).*

*Celebrate when someone becomes a believer!* Offer opportunities to share with the larger group.

*Follow up!* Don’t leave young believers on their own. Help them to find resources to grow in their faith, connect them with your pastor and other believers, and continue to support their decision to follow Jesus.

*Most of all, remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and give them an opportunity to respond.* Pray faithfully for your group members to follow Jesus!