



## Introduction

### The Beginning of Discipleship

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt 28:18-20 ESV)

Our ultimate goal is to make \_\_\_\_\_.

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. (1 Cor 3:1-7 ESV)

How do we follow-up with new believers to bring them into an environment that helps them grow? Here are Fay’s questions and statements (Fay 1999), with some modifications to fit orthodox reformed doctrine and RCF’s discipleship process and culture:

#### 1. How many of your sins has Christ paid for?

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,” (Mark 3:28 ESV)

#### 2. How many of your sins does Christ remember?

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” (Hebrews 10:17 ESV)



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Cor 5:17 ESV)

### 3. Where does Christ live?

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

### 4. Let's pray.

They should begin by addressing God \_\_\_\_\_, such as "Heavenly Father." Then teach them the ACTS model—A\_\_\_\_\_, C\_\_\_\_\_, T\_\_\_\_\_, and S\_\_\_\_\_, giving them freedom to express what's on their heart and mind. They should close with "in Jesus' name, Amen."

### 5. Who has been praying for you?

95 percent of the time it was her mother, father, grandmother, friend, coworker, family member, or schoolmate. (Fay 1999) Skip to question 8 if they're not sure who has been praying for them.

### 6. Do you know where your friend goes to church?

We want to affirm that the new believer's praying friend or family member goes to a \_\_\_\_\_-centered, \_\_\_\_\_-based church and is a \_\_\_\_\_-based Christian. If they are not, skip to question 8.

If we find this to be so, say:

### 7. Do you know your friend's phone number? Let's call him now!

This gives joy back to the body of Christ. The joy we're experiencing belongs to everyone.

The other reason we have the new believer call is because we want him to \_\_\_\_\_ with someone else.

because, 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. (Romans 10:9 ESV)

Also, Jesus himself said in Luke,

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. (Luke 9:26 ESV)



### 8. May I take you to church?

Please follow through with your offer. Pick up your friend for church the very next Sunday.

Introduce your friend to the pastor. Ask him to complete a visitors card and put it in the offering box—this gives the church’s visitation ministry an opportunity to meet with him, if he desires. For Reformation Christian Fellowship, this plugs him in to our \_\_\_\_\_ process, which we covered in the first course.

If your friend lives far away or can't attend your church, ask, “Would you feel more comfortable in a small or large church?” You may have to do some research—we recommend <https://founders.org/church-search/> and <https://www.9marks.org/church-search/>

When you introduce a person to Christ when you’re out of town, here's what you can do:

Locate a church in his area that you think would be good (use the sites above). Provide your friend the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and pastor’s phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Call the pastor and give him your friend's name and number.

Ask the pastor to call your friend.

Twenty-four hours later, call the pastor back to make sure he has made the promised arrangements.

### 9. Read the First Letter of John

Read the first letter of John before the day ends. Provide him a \_\_\_\_\_! This starts the important process of getting the new believer reading the \_\_\_\_\_, and you should encourage them to re-read it several times. I recommend this particular book because it will help \_\_\_\_\_ them of their salvation and what the Christian life looks like.

### 10. I will call you tomorrow to discuss what you’ve read.

Call back the next day to see if your friend has fulfilled your \_\_\_\_\_. This is an opportunity for you to see how well they understand what they’ve read, to teach and provide guidance on how to study the Bible, and to answer any questions he may have.

## Practice

Pair up and practice all five steps of the Come Home gospel presentation by taking turns as yourself and one of the people on your prayer card.



## Homework

### Pray

- 1) That God would give you a heart for the lost;
- 2) That God would grant opportunities to speak to people and share the gospel, particularly for the three people you've identified in which to share the gospel before this class concludes

## Conclusion

Does anyone have any questions?

**[Allow time for discussion. Close in prayer.]**

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