

5 STAGES OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

DEAD

CHARACTERISTICS & TRAITS

Not Saved:
have not proclaimed any faith in Christ

Secular Worldview:
can't be expected to have a Biblical worldview

Lost:
unaware of their need for the Gospel

NEEDS FOR GROWTH

Acceptance:
(not affirmation) from leader/group

Show Up:
"come and see"

Grace:
to ask any and all questions they may have

GROUP LEADER ACTION STEPS

Prayer:
for their hearts to be opened, for eyes to see and ears to hear

Educate:
your group members to just love them and welcome them

Intentionality: make time for them outside of your scheduled group time

INFANT

CHARACTERISTICS & TRAITS

Born Again:
or a believer who hasn't been discipled

Hunger:
to learn

Self-centered:
(Christ is going to fix everything about me and my life).

Dependent:
on others to help them get direction and wisdom

NEEDS FOR GROWTH

Safety:
to ask questions

Spiritual milk:
www.tpcc.org/start
(Start Curriculum)

Care:
through a storm/difficulty

GROUP LEADER ACTION STEPS

Encouragement:
cheer them on to pursue Scripture more intentionally

Guidance:
help them to begin to develop some spiritual disciplines

Model:
how to express their conversion story

CHILD

CHARACTERISTICS & TRAITS

Believers:
with a solid foundation

Self-centered:
relying on feelings too much and not truth

Maturity:
have a few pieces of Scripture they have internalized, but aren't applying it to their life

NEEDS FOR GROWTH

Spiritual Meat:
deeper truths in Scripture

Discover:
their spiritual gifts

Encouragement:
from group to push harder and dig deeper

GROUP LEADER ACTION STEPS

Equip and Empower:
start giving them more responsibility in the group

Structure:
help them to prioritize their time, develop intentional time devoted to spiritual disciplines

Challenge: them to start serving, giving, leading in some capacity

YOUNG ADULT

CHARACTERISTICS & TRAITS

Others-focused:
rather than being self-centered

Self-discipline:
consistently practicing spiritual disciplines

Leading others:
in their own spiritual development

NEEDS FOR GROWTH

Freedom:
to lead others (leading a group/ready to lead a group)

Empowerment:
to take risks in their leadership

GROUP LEADER ACTION STEPS

Empower:
to lead.....allow them to lead the group 1X or 2X a month

Plan for the future:
Encourage them to formulate plans and goals for their next steps...then debrief and refine this plan and send them out to execute the plan

Set boundaries:
to understand what they can/should be doing vs. what they can't/shouldn't be doing next

PARENT

CHARACTERISTICS & TRAITS

Reproducing:
making disciples that make disciples

Proactive:
Matthew 4:19...strategic and thinking ahead

Prioritized:
Lordship of Christ is evident in all aspects of their life

NEEDS FOR GROWTH

People:
to develop and pour into, disciple

Nourishment:
Healthy boundaries to not neglect their own spiritual growth making sure they are taking time for themselves (pursuing their own personal holiness)

Spiritual Health/Balance:
Finding regular and intentional Sabbath from serving and leading others

GROUP LEADER ACTION STEPS

Send:
to lead and encourage others

Connection:
with other spiritual parents and leaders