

A person wearing a red plaid shirt is gesturing with their right hand while talking to a man on a laptop screen. The man on the screen is wearing glasses and a dark shirt. An open book is on the desk in front of the laptop. The background is a blurred office setting.

# Next Step Online Guide

Leaders' Resource

## NEXT STEP ONLINE GUIDE

This guide provides discussion questions and suggestions on how to conduct an effective Next Step session with a new contact that just got saved.

# FORMAT

The format is a guide on how the session should run but the order and duration of each session is flexible based on the nature of the conversation. Do note that video calls are less dynamic so keeping it short and succinct is important.

Catchup: 5mins

Lesson Highlights: 10mins

Questions (Talk About It): 10mins

Prayer: 5mins

## LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

Since the lessons are available online, you can encourage your contact to read through the Next Steps online before meeting to discuss.

You can then highlight pertinent points from the lesson before discussing the Talk About It questions and giving time for your contact to ask questions of their own.

## DISCUSSIONS

These are some basic accompanying discussion questions (Talk About It) to ask and teach the person you are doing Next Step with. You can use these questions and prepare some accompanying notes of your own before imparting from your own personal walk with God. These are the lessons that are online:

1. Why Does Knowing God Matter?
2. What Are The Basics?
3. What Can I Expect?
4. How Do I Know For Sure?
5. What Does It Mean To Be Free?

# DISCUSSIONS

## Why Does Knowing God Matter?

1. Is it hard to believe someone would take your place to be punished?
  - a. You can follow up with talking about the impact of sin
2. What led you to believing Jesus died on the cross for you?
  - a. Share how you personally made that decision
3. What would believing in Jesus mean for your life now?
  - a. Suggest basic and obvious changes they can make
  - b. Share your own personal change in your life

# DISCUSSIONS

## What Are The Basics?

1. What are some ways you can start reading the Word and praying in your daily life?
  - a. Teach them how to use SOAP (Refer to Annex 1)
    - a. Scripture
    - b. Observation
    - c. Application
    - d. Prayer
  - b. Get them to start reading the Book of John
  - c. Teach them a basic prayer
2. What is something God spoke to you about?
  - a. Share your personal experience of God speaking to you as well

# DISCUSSIONS

## What Can I Expect?

1. Is it easy to accept that you have been forgiven?
  - a. What are some things you feel you need forgiveness in?
2. What does eternity mean to you?
  - a. How does knowing that there is an eternity in heaven ahead change your perspective of life?

Check on their reading of the Book of John.



# DISCUSSIONS

## How Do I Know For Sure?

1. What are some signs that you can relate with?
2. What are some changes you noticed in your life since believing in Jesus?
3. What are some ways you can start living in God's blessings for you?

Check on their reading of the Book of John.

# DISCUSSIONS

## What Does It Mean To Be Free?

Explain each of the step and pray with them after explaining.

1. Desire to be set free and to live in freedom.
2. Identify the causes of bondages with the Holy Spirit's help.
  - a. Sin in their lives
  - b. Bad habits
3. Confess and turn away from our sin.
  - a. Tell God that you have done wrong and want to turn away from sin
4. Have faith to receive what Christ has done for us, with the Holy Spirit's help.
5. Pray and fast to strengthen our spirit.
  - a. Pray with them.
  - b. Teach them how to fast (Annex 2)

# ANNEX 1

## 1. Scripture

1. Look for key verses and single it out
2. Example:

**Psalm 1:1-3** Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

## 2. Observation

1. Write down what you see happening in the passage
2. Example:

People that delight in God's law spend a lot of time reading and pondering on God's word (the bible). They are compared to trees that are close to a water source and therefore grow and bear fruit.

God's word is a source for me to grow and prosper. Spending time reading and acting on it will bring me delight and prospers me in all that I do.

# ANNEX 1

## 3. Application

1. Pen down how you can apply your observation in your life
2. Example:  
I will schedule time to read the bible just as these people are described as reading it day and night.

## 4. Prayer

1. Record a prayer from your heart that is a response to God's word
2. Example:  
Dear Lord, help me to stay close to your word and to use it as a guide to live my life. Let me delight in your word and understand it. Let my ways prosper as I obey you. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

## ANNEX 2

### Fasting

Fasting is the discipline of denying the flesh and training of self control. Fasting food is the most common and effective discipline. These are some recommended fasts

1. Partial Fast: Fast a meal a day for a period (3 days, 1 week etc.)
2. Full Fast: Fast all solids for a period (3 days, 1 week etc.)
3. Media Fast: Fast all forms of media for a period (3 days, 1 week etc.)