

Relational Evangelism

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Building relationships with people who are “not yet Christians” is key. We need to be careful that all of our relationships are not with Christians, if we want to see people come into the Kingdom.

The diagram on the next page really tells the journey of 5 real people and I could show you many more that would demonstrate the same thing.

There are some key things here:

1. They all begin with a Christian building a relationship with someone who’s not yet a Christian.
2. They get the person involved in a group. The key to these groups is that there is a leader, a pastor and an evangelist in each group (and the leader is not always the most important person). In the groups, the new person needs to build relationships with other members as well.
3. Most people need more than one group along the way, to connect to.
4. It’s not “one size” fits all.
5. Jesus needs to be brought into the conversation along the way and the person needs the opportunity to have a relationship with Him.
6. Even if the person doesn’t become a Christian, you stick with them.
7. You may need to be prepared to stick with people over the long haul. In our current culture it can take between 5-8 years for someone to make that decision.
8. Pray and get others praying.
9. You can’t just have one group and expect people to come and stay. Think through what their needs are.
10. Once someone comes to Christ, make sure they are well disciplined.

What will the track be for different people?

