

Caring for the Spiritually Immature

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Groups can be messy!

Two things we must recognize:

1. You aren't the Holy Spirit.
 - *"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." - Philippians 2:13*
2. Don't miss out on what God might want to teach you.
 - *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Steps to help those struggling to grow.

- Friendship
 - Getting together outside of group
 - Go to an event
 - Grab a bite to eat
 - Road trip
- Create Intentional Conversations
 - Ask questions that build relationships
 - Once you ask a question, be a good listener
 - Coach don't preach
- A Plan
 - Share Ideas
 - Read Together
 - Growth Goal Cards
 - Utilize Resources
- Accountability
 - Focus on one spiritual discipline each week
 - Check-in on Growth Goals
 - Email/Text out prayer requests
 - Assign pairs to follow up each week
- Model It
 - Share openly about your struggles
 - Share a specific goal you want to grow in
 - Ask for accountability

- Pray
 - Pray as a leader
 - Pray as a group
 - Pattern prayer inside of group
 - Encourage prayer outside of group

Have appropriate expectations

- (Parent) How would I treat my children?
- (Child) How does God treat me?
- (Beggar) Am I praying?