

Questions and Answers

1. What is the rationale of this module?

The rationale of this module is to prepare the church for its follow-up program at the conclusion of the evangelistic meetings. It focuses on the establishment of Discipleship Groups for the new believers and interests and the implementation of the Spiritual Mentor program.

2. What is the Spiritual Mentors program?

The Spiritual Mentors program provides practical ways of mentoring new members in what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist and connecting them to the church family.

3. What are some of the things that a Spiritual Mentor should do?

- a) Get to know the new members and genuinely befriend them.
- b) Meet regularly with the pastor.
- c) Greet new members at all church services/programs and invite them to stay for fellowship dinners.
- d) Look for ways to involve the new members in church programs and activities.
- e) Introduce the new members to other members of the church.
- f) Speak positively of the church, pastor, conference, etc.
- g) Encourage the new believers in the faith.

4. What are some of the things that a Spiritual Mentor should not do?

- a) Don't preach at your new members or criticize them for views they hold or things they do.
- b) Don't act shocked if the new members make a remark not in harmony with the faith. They will grow in time as you give them love and understanding, coupled with sound biblical teaching.
- c) Don't overload the new believers with reading material.
- d) Don't share church problems or gossip with new members.
- e) Don't criticize other denominations.

5. Who is the target audience for the church's Discipleship Groups?

The Discipleship Groups should focus on those who have attended the evangelistic seminar but have not yet made a decision, those preparing for baptism, and newly baptized members.

6. How many people should be in each Discipleship Group?

Each Discipleship Group should consist of between 8 and 12 people. It may be necessary to have more than one Discipleship Group for a particular target audience. Remember to match up those attending with others of a similar spiritual level, age, and education.

7. How many weeks should the Discipleship Groups continue?

The Discipleship Groups should run for a total of about 13 weeks, with one week for an off night. The Discipleship Groups need to have a clear purpose and systematic sequence. Discipleship Group meeting outlines can be downloaded from the Empowered Church website.