

## 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.