

FACILITATOR INFORMATION

If you are using these materials with a live class you may wish to read the information contained here.

At Windsor Spring Baptist we offer this class to new Christians every time we have 10 or so new converts who have not yet had the class. This class then meets weekly for 10 weeks completing one session each week. The class members each receive a letter of invitation from the pastor. The class leaders then contact each member by phone with a personal invitation. A week or so before the course begins each member is given a Bible (NLT) and a copy of the "Reference Instruction Sheet" handout and the list of Scripture references for Session 1. (You will find files . for lesson teaching guidance, weekly "homework" assignments, weekly summary posters, and other things you may find helpful

Members of a live class are asked to read and ponder a list of scripture references as "homework" each week. These scriptures are the main content for each week's session and are discussed along with comments about the scripture. As is customary each week's class begins and ends with prayer. Each week also has a recommended Hymn which is sung however poorly at the beginning and end of each class. There is a file for these also. Each session concludes with an "assurance" that sums up the point of the session. At the conclusion of the course members are given a sheet that lists the 10 assurances from the course. Some sessions have handouts. Although these are included in each weekly session they are also given as a file for your use as a facilitator.

At the conclusion of the course we host a covered dish luncheon for the class members and their mentors who have been prayerfully selected for each member of the New Believers class. The paired mentors and mentees share a table together where they get to know each other. The mentors have been selected from screened volunteers by matching up family/interest similarities between mentors and mentees as well as personalities. (The class leaders make these matches and the match information is kept secret until the luncheon when they all find their place cards on the tables.) All mentors must know their personal spiritual gifts. Mentors are tasked with becoming a friend to their mentees,

providing encouragement and caring concern, and helping the mentees to find an appropriate position to render service to the church based on the mentee's area of spiritual gifts. The extent of involvement between mentors and mentees in their personal lives is up to the individuals. (There is a file attached for the mentors if you wish to use it.) You may contact the church and leave a message for the authors to contact you if you need further information about this class.