

5 STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

CHARACTERISTICS...		"THE PHRASE FROM THE STAGE"...	NEEDS...
SPIRITUALLY DEAD	Unbelief Rebellion	<p><i>"I don't believe there is a God."</i></p> <p><i>"The Bible is a bunch of myths."</i></p> <p><i>"God is just a crutch."</i></p> <p><i>"I'm a good person."</i></p> <p><i>"I am not a Christian because religion is responsible for most of the wars in human history."</i></p> <p><i>"There are many ways to get to God."</i></p> <p><i>"There is no absolute right or wrong."</i></p> <p><i>"Only God can judge me."</i></p>	<p>Share the gospel!</p> <p>See the gospel lived out.</p> <p>Answer their questions.</p> <p>An invitation of receive Christ.</p>
SPIRITUAL INFANT	Ignorance Confusion Dependence	<p><i>"Why do I need to go to church regularly?"</i></p> <p><i>"I've been hurt by a lot of people, so it's just me and God. I don't need others."</i></p> <p><i>"A good and loving God would never send anyone to Hell."</i></p> <p><i>"I don't have time for the church (or a Connection Group)."</i></p> <p><i>"The church just wants my money."</i></p> <p><i>"I didn't know the Bible said that."</i></p> <p><i>"I know Jesus is Lord and Savior, but is karma real?"</i></p> <p><i>"Does God let dead people, such as my grandma, visit us to give us messages from Him?"</i></p>	<p>Share your life.</p> <p>Share new truths.</p> <p>Share new habits.</p>
SPIRITUAL CHILD	Self-centeredness Idealism Overconfidence	<p><i>"I believe in Jesus and my church is in the woods, just Him and me."</i></p> <p><i>"Don't mess up our Connection Group by branching it into two groups. I like it the way it is right now."</i></p> <p><i>"Who are all of these new people coming to our church? The church is getting too big."</i></p> <p><i>"I didn't like the (music, preaching, whatever) today. If only they did it like..."</i></p> <p><i>"I love my church because I feel like I belong."</i></p>	<p>Connect to God.</p> <p>Connect to small group.</p> <p>Connect to purpose.</p>
SPIRITUAL YOUNG ADULT	God-centeredness Others-centeredness	<p><i>"I love my Connection Group, but there are others who need this too."</i></p> <p><i>"I think I could lead a group with a little help."</i></p> <p><i>"Look how many people at church today! I had to walk two blocks!"</i></p> <p><i>"Randy & Rachel missed Connection Group and I called to see if they are ok. Their kids have flu so maybe our group can make meals for them. I'll start."</i></p> <p><i>"I need to branch my Connection Group but no one else is ready to lead."</i></p>	<p>Equip for ministry.</p> <p>Provide ministry opportunities.</p> <p>Release to do ministry.</p>
SPIRITUAL PARENT	Intentional #onpurpose Strategy	<p><i>"This guy at work asked me to explain the Bible to him. Pray for me."</i></p> <p><i>"Our Connection Group is doing this mission project together and I given each person a responsibility."</i></p> <p><i>"I realized that discipleship happens at home too. Will you hold me accountable to spend time discipling my kids?"</i></p> <p><i>"I have a person in my Connection Group who is passionate about children. I'm going to introduce them to Mrs. Nancy and make sure she knows."</i></p> <p><i>"I have a couple of potential leaders in my Connection Group I'm going to personally invest in."</i></p>	<p>Ongoing relationships with other disciple-makers.</p> <p>A church family- a team.</p> <p>Peer accountability and encouragement.</p>

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