

NEW MEMBER TRAINING FOR ADULTS

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Suggested Four Week New Member Orientation

Week One: The Meaning of The Decision to Be a Christ-Follower

- Implications of The Decision to Be a Christ-Follower
- Personal Growth Expectation
- Faith Community Expectations
- Ministry Expectations

Week Two: Growing in God

- Personal devotional Bible Study and Prayer
- Small Group Community Involvement
- Corporate Faith Community Involvement
- Ministry Involvement

Week Three: Connecting with the Ministries of the Faith Community (Church)

- Church Polity Issues—How We Get Things Done (Organization/Decision-making)
- Opportunities for Ministry Involvement
- How to Get Connected with the Ministries of the church

Week Four: Making a Difference in the World for the Kingdom

- How Do Discover Spiritual Gifts
- Creating New Ministries
- How to Get Started

Publishers for Extended New Member Development in a Small Group*

LifeWay Church Resources (www.lifeway.com) Examples:

Taking the Next Step: A Guide for New Church Members, Ralph Hodge
Spiritual Gifts: A Practical Guide to How God Works Through You, David Francis
Redefining Church Membership, John Powers

Serendipity (Lifeway) (www.serendipityhouse.com) Examples:

Beginnings: A Taste of Community
Soul Care: Developing My spiritual Life
Personal Devotions: Taking God's Word to Heart
Great Beginnings: Your First Small Group Study

Willow Creek Resources (www.zondervan.com) or (www.willowcreek.com) Examples:

Get a Grip: Finding Balance in Your Daily Life, Bill Hybels
Network: Understanding God's Design for You in the Church, Bruce Bugbee
Building Community, John Ortberg
Prayer: Opening Your Heart to God, Bill Hybels

Upper Room (Methodist) (www.upperroom.org) Examples:

Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey
Companions in Christ: A Small-Group Experience in Spiritual Formation

Smyth & Helwys (www.helwys.com) Examples:

Extensions: Beginning the Journey
Extensions: Spirituality

* Examples were in publication on 9/7/06