

Dear Pastors and Church Leaders-

We recently had the privilege of having many of you at our pastors gathering Pastor's 2010 this last May. In fact on May 20th we had a breakout session on Aggressive Follow-up and how to get started. During those sessions I received multiple requests for the introduction I give before praying with new believers and what I do afterward. What follows is a general outline that I use. If it helps you then be blessed:

"Hello Everyone I'm Pastor Dave. As Pastor Jim has just said I am going to (1) pray with you, (2) give you some materials, and (3) explain how we can help you. I'm excited to see you here and want to lead you in prayer. But first let me take a moment to explain what is about to happen. I don't want to go through some religious experience where you repeat a few words and later wonder what you did today. I don't want to merely chant words...I want you to know what you are doing so that when you leave here today you know that you are forgiven, saved and heading for heaven. Not think...but know.

*So many people have the wrong idea about salvation. They think that they have to **be** a certain way in order to earn or achieve their salvation. But let's do it God's way. The Bible says, "**For by grace were you saved through faith**". Grace is what Jesus did. It is what He has already accomplished or achieved for our salvation. He's already accomplished it and does not need to jump back on the cross in order to save you. When Jesus does something you can be sure that He does it right! Grace is His part, Faith is your part. Faith is what you use to received the salvation or grace that Jesus provided. The bible calls it the gift of God. You cannot earn it. You cannot pay for it. It is a gift. What do you do with a gift? You receive it. Jesus achieved it for us, our job is to receive. So how do you receive such a great and generous gift using faith? The answer is in the word of God. Romans 10:9 says, "that **if you confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.**"*

*Notice that it says, "**you will be saved**". Not maybe your saved, or you can think that you are saved. If you confess Him and believe what He did for you then you **will be saved!** You don't deserve it, earn it, or achieve it...you receive it. So , bow your heads with me and let's pray. I':*

"Father God...I thank you... for loving me so much...that you sent Jesus. I believe... that Jesus Christ...is the Son of God...And I believe...that He came to this earth...just for me! ...I believe ... that He died on the cross...and that He was punished for my sins! ...I believe that He rose again...overcoming sin and death...just for me! Jesus, here I am...you know all about me...please forgive me...I turn away... from doing things my way...and I promise to follow you...for the rest of my days... Therefore, I declare...that I am...forgiven...I am...saved...born-again...headed for heaven...leaving hell behind!

(Would you raise your hands with me...)

Jesus...I need help...living this new life! ...Fill me now...with your Holy Spirit....Holy Spirit, I give you permission...to speak to my heart...to encourage me...to direct me...to correct me! ...I will listen...I will follow... I love you Jesus! Amen!

*Hallelujah! That's great. Listen...you **are** born again and headed for heaven. But I need to talk to you right away. Some of you are wondering why you don't feel any different. Oh please listen. You may or may not feel anything. What you need to understand is that you didn't achieve salvation you received it. It is our*

humanity that wants to feel something because feeling is achieving... like a Gold Medal or Trophy. Your salvation is a supernatural event that just took place because of what Jesus achieved and what you received. God's Grace and your faith. But let's talk because you still have to live on this planet, get dressed everyday, go to work, face the boss or teacher, etc, etc. You will still face challenges and you need help. You may be thinking, "But Pastor I just received salvation so what help do I need?" And that is right, you are saved but there is something that you need to do in order to live the abundant life that Jesus has promised. Specifically, the way you think about yourself stinks! You need to change the way you think. You always think the worst about you. If you make a mistake you think the worst about it. You are harder on yourself than anyone else. So what you need is to learn what God thinks about you. I promise that what God thinks about you is much bigger than what you think about you. So what you need is to train your heart to see and think about your life the way God does. Jesus paid the highest price for you so stop thinking so poorly of yourself and get some help. We want to help. There are friends standing near you that are part of a ministry called SPIRITUAL PERSONAL TRAINERS, or for short SPT's. They want to help train you to see and understand five things that God thinks about you. When you get these five things into your heart we know that you will be able to be breaking through the challenges that life throws at you. But it will take living life with purpose...it will take spiritual personal training.

We want to meet with you five times; 30 minutes before any church service. You may be thinking, "I don't know these people and I am shy or afraid of meeting new people." But that was the old you; the new you wants to be pleasing to God, and we want to show you how. My friends will be coming by in a moment to ask you a couple of quick questions. it won't take long, and you don't have to worry about the answers because you are the only one with the correct answers! God bless you, and welcome to the family of God!

I hope that this is helpful as you move forward in aggressive discipleship. A couple of quick notes come to mind. First, generosity is the character of faith. When people see that you care they will follow. Second, the two booklets have a purpose that the SPT's remind them about. The [Welcome To Your Destiny](#) helps them understand why they need to be back in church and leads them toward their first meeting with an SPT. The [35 days of Spiritual Personal Training](#) is a workbook devotional that the SPT's starts off each week with. It is now the new believer's job to follow through. The SPT gives them a quick accountability call during the week to check up and let them know that they are looking forward to their next meeting with them.

God's very best to each of you as we all work together building His Kingdom!

In His Service,

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P.S. The above outline content has a lot of details that you will need to work out, but you will be surprised how much you can effectively share with some practice.