

Mission to Wales - Dos and Don'ts When Discipling

Do

- Contact the responder within 24 hours of being given their details
- Contact them at least 4 times if they are unable/unwilling to confirm a date to meet
- Wait a couple of days between contact attempts
- Contact them via phone if you have the number
- Review the *Six* booklet and *Six* booklet user guide before each meeting
- Use the meetings to build up a relationship
- Always meet in a public place
- Buy the coffees!
- Be friendly and open when you meet the responder
- Answer the responder's questions, even if they're off the written 'script', but try not to get bogged down in esoteric discussions.
- Bring your bible and a spare *Six* and *Luke-Acts* books in case the responder has lost/forgotten theirs.
- Be more willing to listen than to speak
- Fill in the Online database each time you contact or meet with the responder, or contact Barry (07806483606 barry.amor@kings-mold.org.uk) with the details if you're not happy using the database.
- Do respect the responder's personal information and do NOT pass it on to anyone else.

Don't

- Don't badger them if they say they don't want to meet or to continue meeting. Wish them the best and remind them that they can always contact us at a later point if they change their mind. The number's on the back of the *Six* booklet.
- Don't push your own agenda or theology, stick to the *Six* booklet as far as possible. There will be time for theology later.
- Don't push your church as the only church to go to. Let them make up their own mind as to where they wish to go.
- Don't bring anyone else with you to the meetings without the responder's permission.
- Don't ask the responder to do anything they are not comfortable with, eg. Praying in public.
- Don't meet with someone under the age of 18 years unless they have parental/guardian consent.
- Don't meet with someone under the age of 18 alone. The responder must have someone over 18 years old with them, preferably a parent/guardian.
- Don't judge the responder's lifestyle (gay etc.) leave that to the Holy Spirit in due course. Be ready to answer any questions regarding it but with love, not judgement.

Suggested text template;

"Hi *Bob*, this is *Joe Doe* from Kings Christian Centre here as your contact follow up from *Thursday*. Would you like to meet up at *Costa* for a coffee? Maybe *X* or *Y* this week. Look forward to meeting you"

Ethical Evangelism to reiterate some points from above

- Don't meet with anyone under the age of 18 without their parental/guardian's consent or meet them without a parent/guardian/other adult being present
- Don't push your church as the go-to church
- Do meet in a public place for the safety of both of you
- If someone says they don't want to meet don't badger them
- Don't go mob-handed when you meet the responder
- Be more willing to listen than to speak
- Don't judge the responder's lifestyle (gay etc.) leave that to the Holy Spirit in due course. Be ready to answer any questions regarding it but with love, not judgement.
- Don't ask the responder to do anything they are not comfortable with, eg. Praying in public.
- Don't share the responder's personal information with anyone except on the database.