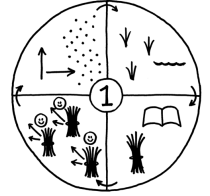


Skill 4

For One Field One Goal



Lead People to Believe and Baptise Them John 4:39-42

Jesus' example:

Believe: John 16:30-31, 11:25-26.

Baptise: John 3:22-23.

Apostles' Example from Acts:

2:38-41

8:12-13

16:30-33

18:8

(see also: John 4:1-4; Acts 9:17-18; 10:42-48; 13:12; 13:38-39; 15:7-9; 16:14-15; 19:4-5; 22:16; 26:27-28)

Lead People to Believe

This is often a process - over time, not a single event.

a) **Share the good news** about Jesus and ask questions like:

- "Do you believe this?" OR
- "Are you willing to follow Jesus?" OR
- "Can I pray with you for any issue, sickness or situation for you?"

A simple prayer:

"Lord God, I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins as a perfect sacrifice and was raised. I need forgiveness of my sins and eternal life. I turn from sin and open my life for you to be my Saviour and Lord".

b) **If they believe**, mention baptism. Do not wait weeks or months. Ask:

- "When can you be baptised?"

Do NOT ask "Do you want to be baptised?" Most people will say no, and then you have a problem to convince them about baptism. Use the when question.

Baptise Them

Baptism is a command. It is also symbol of identifying with what Jesus has done for us.

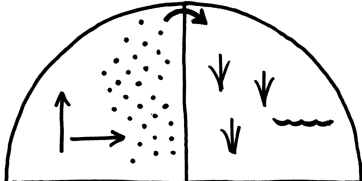
What to do when Baptising.

- Read some stories from book of Acts. Acts 2:38-41. 16:30-33, 19:18-20 (confess)
- Allow them to ask questions. Keep it simple.
- When baptising say something like this:

"Have you turned from sin in your heart and actions and do you believe that Jesus died and rose again as the only perfect sacrifice for your sins?" ...

"I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and I baptise you in the name of Jesus".

In Acts the apostles also baptised in the name of Jesus. 2:38, 8:16.

<p>Transition 1</p> <p>Transition from seed sowing to leading people to believe and baptise them.</p> <p>Get over the line. John 11:26</p>	
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Who Can Baptise and Where?

John 3:22-23, 4:1-2. Jesus himself was not baptising, his disciples were.

1 Cor. 1:14-16. Paul says that he did not Baptise anyone except a few people.

See **Acts 18:8**. So who did the baptising if Paul did not?

- a) Baptism does NOT require an audience.
Not a special person to baptise.
Not a special place.
Read the book of Acts. Think movement dynamics.
Train new believers to baptise others.
- b) Many people think that only special people can baptise and that baptism needs a lot of preparation.
A fear of some people is that a new believer will not understand baptism, unless you train them for a long time in classes.

Remember, preparing for baptism is not about giving a theology class. Rather, seeing in scripture the importance and meaning of baptism and how it is a simple act of identifying with what Christ has done.

- c) Baptism does not have to mean a change of culture or community.
- d) Baptism does not mean a change of a person's name.