

SOPHICULTURE MINISTRIES

Becoming a Mentor

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A friend of mine invited me over once a week after school. She gave me homemade snacks and asked me how my life was going. She was my mentor.

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Mentoring



WHERE TO MEET UP?

It's best to meet in person.

It's ok to meet through video chat.

It can work through regular phone calls, but try your best to meet through video chat or in person.

Why Become a Mentor?

YOU KNOW
WHAT IT'S
LIKE

to need a mentor.

IT'S GOD'S
PLAN FOR
ALL OF US

to spread his love.

YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SHARE

with hurting people.

LIVE THE
LIFESTYLE OF
GIFTS

and freely receive.

You know what it's like to need a mentor.

You know what it's like to have a mentor.

Or, you know what it's like to not have a spiritual mentor.

Think back to when you were first saved. If someone had used this guide and handbook to mentor you, would your spiritual growth have been different?

How has God appeared as your perfect mentor?

It's God's plan for all of us.

Titus 2:3-6

"The aged women may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste... Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded."

God wants us to teach others in groups and/or one-on-one. But not everyone is ready to be guided.

We have to fish for the people who are already asking God for a mentor.

You can cast your nets.

“I have space in my schedule to mentor someone. If you are a high school-age Christian girl who needs a listening ear, I’d be glad to have you over once a week. I’d love to pray with you and support you in whatever direction God is bringing you.”

Why a high-schooler? Younger people are still in the formative years where they appreciate an older person taking their hand and showing them a path forward.

Let the nets go down deep.

Everyone has struggles in their lives.

We don't often talk about our struggles with older people, so the older people have to reach out.

Many people can't afford to go to counseling, and they don't know any other way of reaching out for help.

Let the nets go down deep.

"How does God speak to you? How do you know if what you are hearing is from God? I've had a rough 18 months with so many horrible things happening. I just feel like I'm carrying the burden of so much hurt and sadness. In all honesty I have really been struggling with my faith and have been feeling so distant from God. I came so close to giving up on God about a month ago. Despite how I feel I have been trying my best to keep up with reading the bible and going to church. At the moment though when I try to pray I just don't feel Gods presence any more and I don't hear him. Most of the time I just end up crying when I try and pray." -Anonymous

If you can relate to this person's pain, you have a story to share with her.

You have the treasure.

You're being mentored by the Holy Spirit in these videos and in your daily life.

What do you feel when you read Isaiah 61:1-4? Who claimed this anointing?

Jesus claimed these words and he is living in that golden temple of you as the Holy Ghost. He is the mentor that they need and he will mentor you to mentor them. They desire him, just like you do.

You have everything you need.

Who is watching you for signs that Jesus is alive in you? There are younger people who look to you to find out how a Christian lives.

God gives you the desire to explain to them how he's mentoring you. You know that they need someone to explain to them how it works.

This is what revival is all about. It's a lifestyle. Freely you have received, freely give. As we give it away, it keeps coming stronger.

Only God can call the dry bones to life.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live

-Eze 37:3-5

It's [your] time for revival.

Small beginnings in a new direction will bring the awakening.

Change starts on the inside of you.

Let God light your torch.

Let him divorce you from the world's expectations.

God doesn't expect anything from you except to show up for his glory.

Does your self-image match his image? If you were building a reputation of shared glory with God, it's time to see that for what it really is.

Let God light your torch.

Love is patient. This isn't about the outward appearance. God looks at your heart.

We mentor others because God has shown up and asked us to. Others can't see what God has spoken to our heart.

So be free from all judgment and criticism. Take your first step.

Getting Past the Front-End Awkwardness

GOD HAS PREPARED THIS

He wouldn't be leading you to reach out in this way unless he had.

IT'S IS A PERSONAL JOURNEY

Men reach out to guys. Ladies reach out to girls. Someone younger than you.

LOOK FOR A GOOD FIT

Then, give God a chance to love them through you.

How to find the right person:

- If you have teenage children, they need spiritual mentoring. Look for ways to invite them to do *The Worship Course* with you. (You can even require them to do the course with you.)
- If you have adult children, they might like for you to offer to go through this course with them that you love (*The Worship Course*). It's all about knowing how to listen to God's voice.
- Put up a post on social media.
- Ask God if there is a young person whom you connect with at your church. You can start with one invitation. If they open up to you, invite them back.

This is how the gospel spreads.

Remember: you are forming a friendship, not doing a duty.

Let it unfold naturally as God leads you.

Begin praying that through your example, this person will someday feel ready to make the same offer to someone else.

Here's the goal:

Someday, your friend will guide one of their friends to receive Christ. Then they'll disciple them, just like you did with them.