

INVITATION COUNSELING GUIDE

1. LOGISTICS

- Importance of being on the same page.
- Pay attention to the leadership of the speaker.
- Make your way forward as you see students responding even if they are not from your group.
- When instructed, move with the students to the “counseling room.”
- Match up with students.
 - M/M and F/F
 - One on One if possible
 - With students from your group if possible
- Be flexible with the unexpected and assist if possible

2. COUNSELING PROCESS

- LISTEN - Do not tell the student what their decision is, let them tell you. Patience is vital!
- AFFIRM - Understand the importance of this moment in student’s life and share in the joy.
- GUIDE - Lead the student in understanding the “next steps.”
 - Encourage student to share decision with parents/pastor/etc
 - Believer’s Baptism
 - Personal quiet time: Bible study + Prayer
 - Connect to local church
- PRAY - Encourage the student to pray first, then pray for the student

3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Focus on Jesus – He does the saving! (1 Cor 2:1-4)
- Familiarize yourself with Personal Commitment Guide
- Smile and be personable. Allow the student to trust you.
- Allow the student to trust you, but *never promise confidence*.
- Know your limitations. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.
- Write neatly and legibly on decision card. This permits follow-up.

Final Questions, Comments, or Concerns?